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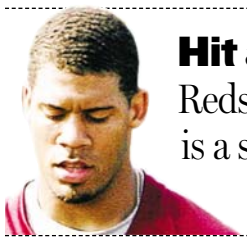

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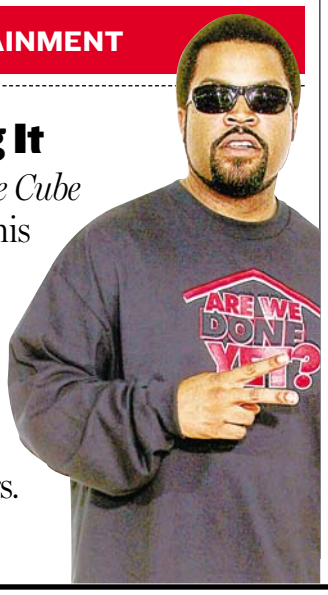

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Pomp, Pollution Herald '08 Games

HOME STRETCH: Torchbearers Liu Fang, left, and Colin Giles, right, exchange the flame during the Olympic torch relay along a section of China's Great Wall on Thursday. The second day of the torch relay in Beijing was shrouded in a sea of haze, and organizers hoped for clearer skies when the games officially open on Friday. ✤ **Chilling video:** Islamic group issues Olympics threat | **Page 6**

Deal Near For Troop Pullout

Sources: U.S. combat forces would be out of Iraq in 2010

BAGHDAD | Iraq and the U.S. are near an agreement on all American combat troops leaving Iraq by October 2010, with the last soldiers out three years after that, two Iraqi officials told The Associated Press on Thursday. U.S. officials, however, insisted no dates had been set.

The proposed agreement calls for the U.S. to hand over parts of Baghdad's Green Zone — where the U.S. Embassy is located — to the Iraqis by the end of 2008. It would also remove U.S. forces from Iraqi cities by June 30, 2009, according to the two senior officials, both close to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and familiar with the negotiations.

The officials, who spoke separately on condition of anonymity because the talks are ongoing, said all U.S. combat troops would leave Iraq by October 2010, with the remaining support personnel gone "around 2013." The schedule could be amended if both sides agree — a face-saving escape clause that would extend the presence of U.S. forces if security conditions warrant it.

U.S. acceptance — even tentatively — of a specific timeline would represent a dramatic reversal of American policy in place since the war began in March 2003. (AP)

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Something Large Is Thrown

Police say a 55-year-old man tossed a computer monitor through a glass door after being refused a cash refund at a movie theater in Casper, Wyo. The man said theater employees refused to give him his money back after something went wrong with the movie projector when he was watching "Iron Man." Instead, the employees offered him a rain check to see another movie. The man started yelling and ripped the computer monitor from the ticket counter and threw it through a glass door. He was arrested and booked. (AP)

DAMAGE

Another Large Thing Is Thrown

A man and a woman found a new use for a barbecue pit — one that landed them in jail in Alexandria, La. An argument over whether a third guest should stay in the house became so heated that the woman picked up the barbecue pit and hit the man over the head with it, police said. The man picked up the barbecue pit and returned the favor, hitting the woman in the head with it, police reported. The woman then told police that she picked up the barbecue pit and hit the back window of the man's car with it. (AP)

AP

OBVIOUS PUNS

Skirting The Issue

A 6-foot-tall, 250-pound Seattle letter carrier is campaigning for the right to take off his pants. Dean Peterson, right, wants the U.S. Postal Service to add kilts as a uniform option for men. The idea was soundly defeated in July at a convention of his union, the 220,000-member National Letter Carriers' Association, so Peterson knows convincing management will be an uphill struggle. But at least he'll be comfortable in his kilt, or Male Unbifurcated Garment, as he calls it. (AP)

NO DAMAGE

Thank Goodness — Nothing Thrown Here

Authorities say a grandmother was arrested for driving around the parking lot of a Marathon, Fla., grocery store with her 3-year-old child sitting on the roof of the car. Deputies were called to the Publix store Tuesday and arrested a 54-year-old woman after she was driving around with her 3-year-old granddaughter on the roof of her car. The grandmother was released from jail 15 hours later. Authorities say the woman told police she was giving the child some air and letting her have fun. (AP)

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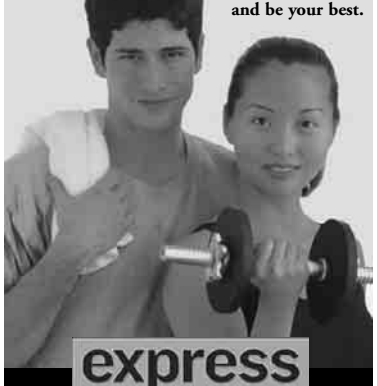

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BALE, KEATON OR WEST? Barack Obama and John McCain may not agree on many issues. But in separate interviews with Entertainment Weekly, both presidential candidates said their favorite superhero was Batman. No word on their favorite Dark Knight.

Nation

Computers Eyed for Ivins Clues

FBI searches for new evidence related to 2001 anthrax scare

WASHINGTON | Computers seized last week from a Frederick, Md., library may hold clues about the 2001 anthrax letters and the Army scientist accused of mailing them, the FBI said Thursday.

The scientist, Bruce Ivins, used the computers for about 90 minutes on July 24 to read e-mail and review a Web site dedicated to the anthrax investigation, Special Agent Marlo Arredondo wrote in an affidavit. Ivins killed himself a few days later.

Agents removed the computers last Thursday from the C. Burr Artz Library in downtown Frederick and will search them for any sign of relevant communications including writings identifying a plan to kill witnesses, or perhaps suicide letters, the affidavit states.

Ivins went to the library on the day he was released from a two-week psychiatric hospital stay that followed his counselor's petition for a protective order. The affidavit asserts that Ivins had said during a group therapy session with the counselor July 9 that he was a suspect in the anthrax investigation and planned to get a Glock firearm from his son to kill co-workers and others he felt had wronged him. (AP)

Bin Laden's Driver Gets 5.5 Years

Defendant apologizes for his service, receives relatively light sentence

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, CUBA | A U.S. military jury gave Osama bin Laden's driver a surprisingly light sentence on Thursday, making him eligible for release in just five months despite the prosecutors' request for at least a 30-year sentence to deter would-be terrorists.

Salim Hamdan's sentence of 5½ years, including five years and a month already served at Guantanamo Bay, fell far short of the life sentence he could have gotten for aiding terrorism by driving and guarding bin Laden. It now goes for mandatory review to a Pentagon official who can shorten the sentence but not extend it.

It remains unclear what will happen to Hamdan once his sentence is served, since the U.S. military has said it won't release anyone who still represents a threat. The judge, Navy Capt. Keith Allred, said Hamdan, who is from Yemen, would likely be eligible for the same administrative review process as other Guantanamo prisoners.

Hamdam

Defense lawyers said they expect Hamdan will be let go in five months. "It was all for show if Mr. Hamdan does not go home in December," said Charles Swift, one of Hamdan's civilian attorneys.

Hamdan thanked the jurors for the sentence and repeated his apology for having served bin Laden.

"I would like to apologize one more time to all the members, and I would like to thank you for what you have done for me," Hamdan told the five-man, one-woman jury, all military officers hand-picked by the Pentagon for the first U.S. war crimes trial in a half-century. (AP)

FLORENCE, ARIZ. | 9 KILLED IN ROLLOVER ACCIDENT

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AFTERMATH: Police study the scene on Thursday of a fatal accident in which a sport utility vehicle packed with suspected illegal immigrants flipped over on a rural highway southwest of Phoenix, killing at least nine people.

Man Held in Fla. For Threatening To Kill Obama

MIAMI | A man who authorities said was keeping weapons and military-style gear in his hotel room and car appeared in court Thursday on charges he threatened to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Raymond Hunter Geisel, 22, was arrested by the Secret Service on Saturday in Miami and was ordered held at Miami's detention center without bail Thursday. A Secret Service affidavit charges that Geisel made the threat during a training class for bail bondsmen in late July. According to someone else in the class, Geisel allegedly referred to Obama with a racial epithet and continued, "If he gets elected, I'll assassinate him myself." (AP)

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Obama's Clinton Question

Presumptive nominee struggles with role of ex-rival at convention

CHICAGO | Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Thursday dismissed suggestions that the nominating convention could be marred by tensions between his supporters and the die-hard backers of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Obama told reporters that their staffs were working out mutually agreeable convention logistics. At the same time, Clinton was assuring her supporters in an online chat that she and Obama were "working together to make sure it's a big success."

Amid reports that some Clinton backers hope to raise her profile at the convention or even continue to push her candidacy, neither directly answered questions about whether Clinton's name should be placed in nomination so that her backers could record their votes.

Flying home to Chicago, Obama told reporters on his campaign plane that he talked separately this week to Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, and that they were enthusiastic about having a smooth convention at the end of the month in Denver.

"As is true in all conventions, we're still working out the mechanics, the coordination," Obama said. One such issue is whether there will be a convention roll call on Clinton's nomination, he said.

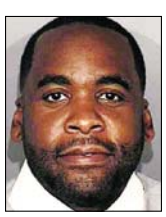
"I'm letting our respective teams work out details," he said. When asked whether that meant he wouldn't object to her name being placed in nomination and a vote taken, Obama said: "I didn't say that. I said that they're working it out." TOM RAUM (AP)

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Amid reports of a backlash from Hillary Rodham Clinton backers, Barack Obama predicted that the Democratic Convention in Denver later this month will go smoothly.

Detroit Mayor Jailed Following Bond Violation

DETROIT | Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, charged with perjury and other felonies for his testimony in a civil trial, was ordered to jail Thursday because he violated his bond by taking a quick trip to Canada without notifying authorities.



Kilpatrick

Kilpatrick apologized and acknowledged that he made a mistake when he visited Windsor, Ontario, minutes away from Detroit, for city business last month. But 36th District Court Judge Ronald Giles was not moved. "What matters to me ... is how the court overall is perceived and how if it was not Kwame Kilpatrick sitting in that seat, if it was John Six-Pack sitting in that seat." (AP)

Scientists Tout New Fingerprint Technique

Method shows traces of handled substances while gleaning an ID

WASHINGTON | Scientists have found ways to tease even more clues out of fingerprints' telltale marks — one in a string of developments that gives modern forensics even better ways to solve mysteries like the anthrax attacks or JonBenet Ramsey's murder.

For example, if a person handled cocaine, explosives or other materials, there could be enough left in a fingerprint to identify them, says chemist R. Graham Cooks of Purdue University. Progress in forensics comes from a combination of new techniques, like those involved in the anthrax investigation, and existing techniques, like those used in the Ramsey case, said Max M. Houck, director of West Virginia University's Forensic Science Initiative.

Improvements in genetic research allowed police to trace the anthrax used in the 2001 attacks to a specific flask of spores, the FBI said this week.

In the new method, police technicians armed with miniaturized mass spectrometers can spray a solvent on a fingerprint and detect compounds at concentrations as fine as five parts per million in droplets that scatter off the print, Cooks explained in a telephone interview. Five parts per million is equivalent to 5 ounces of chemical in 32 tons of material.

The testing method, discussed in Friday's edition of the journal Science, could be available in a year or two, Cooks said. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

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World

ALTERNATIVE ACTION: Actress Mia Farrow is Webcasting her own "Darfur Olympics" from a refugee camp on the Sudan-Chad border, at Darfurolympics.com. She will air footage from the camp in hopes of shaming China into helping to end the Darfur conflict.

In Brief

PETAR PETROV/AP

A man unearths a 1,900-year-old chariot in Borisovo, Bulgaria, on Thursday.

SOFIA, BULGARIA

Archaeologists Unearth 1,900-Year-Old Chariot

Archaeologists have unearthed a 1,900-year-old well-preserved chariot at an ancient Thracian tomb in southeastern Bulgaria, the head of the excavation said Thursday. Daniela Agre said her team found the four-wheel chariot during excavations near Borisovo, about 180 miles east of Sofia. "This is the first time that we have found a completely preserved chariot in Bulgaria," said Agre, a senior archaeologist at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. (AP)

TOKYO

Nuclear-Powered U.S. Sub Leaked Radiation for 2 Years

A U.S. nuclear-powered submarine leaked radiation for more than two years, releasing the bulk of the material in its home port of Guam and at Pearl Harbor, Japanese and U.S. officials said Thursday. On Aug. 1, the U.S. Navy notified Japan that the USS Houston had leaked water containing small amounts of radiation during three calls to the ports of Sasebo and Okinawa, Japan, in March and April but caused no threat to people. (AP)

TBILISI, GEORGIA

New Shooting Reported In South Ossetia Region

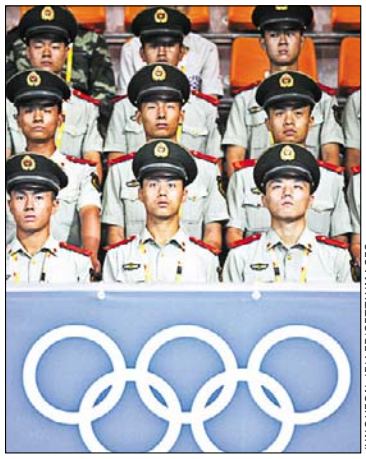
The capital of the separatist South Ossetia region came under heavy fire early Friday, just hours after Georgia's president declared a cease-fire following days of sporadic fighting, news reports and the rebel government said. "The assault is coming from all directions," said a brief statement on the separatist government's Web site. Officials for South Ossetia and Georgia could not be reached by The Associated Press. (AP)

Islamic Group Puts China on Edge

Video warns Muslims to avoid being with Chinese at Olympics

URUMQI, CHINA | A Chinese Islamic group that has threatened to attack the Beijing Olympics released a new video warning Muslims to avoid being on planes, trains and buses with Chinese at the games, a U.S. group that monitors militant organizations said Thursday.

The video was purportedly made by the Turkistan Islamic Party, which seeks independence for China's western Xinjiang region, the SITE Intelligence Group said. The militants are believed to be based in Pakistan, where security experts say core members have received training from al-Qaeda.



JUNG YEON-JE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Security officers sit at an Olympic venue in Beijing, China, on Thursday.

PROTESTS IN PAINT

- An American pastor checked into upscale hotels in Beijing this week, filmed himself painting his rooms with slogans such as "Beijing 2008, Our world, Our nightmare," and then left without paying.
- Eddie Romero's unusual protest was on YouTube Thursday. He was reportedly in hiding. (AP)

Last month, the group issued videotaped threats and claimed responsibility for bus bombings in China. The new video, issued just ahead of Friday's opening of the games, features graphics similar to ones used earlier: a burning Olympics logo and an explosion imposed over an apparent Olympic venue.

The speaker in the six-minute video wears a turban. Gripping a Kalashnikov rifle, he speaks in the language of the Uighurs, a largely Muslim minority in China's western Xinjiang territory with a history of tense relations with the central government. WILLIAM FOREMAN (AP)

RIZWAN TABASSUM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Lawyers protest against Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in Karachi on Thursday. Musharraf may face impeachment.

Pakistan Seeks to Oust Musharraf

Governing coalition announces intention to impeach president

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | After months of internal bickering, Pakistan's governing coalition said Thursday it will seek to impeach President Pervez Musharraf, cranking up pressure on the U.S.-backed former general to resign.

With his popularity at rock bottom and civilian political forces arrayed against him, the outlook is gloomy for the leader who pushed Pakistan into the U.S.-led war on extremist groups after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

But Musharraf appears to be in no mood to give up without a fight eight years after rising to power in a military coup.

Analysts said the coalition, which swept to power in February elections but has struggled with economic and security problems, is not assured of victory.

Impeaching Musharraf will require a two-thirds majority of lawmakers voting in a joint session of both houses of Parliament.

Coalition parties control 236 of the National Assembly's 339 seats and as many as 51 of the Senate's 100 seats. That is at least six seats short, so the coalition will need support from independents or pro-Musharraf parties. MATTHEW PENNINGTON (AP)

U.S. Toll In Afghan War Rises

At least 500 American troops have been killed since war began in '01

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The deadliest three months for American forces in Afghanistan have pushed the U.S. death toll to at least 500, forcing a war long overshadowed by Iraq back into the headlines.

Larger, more sophisticated militant attacks have also caused a sharp rise in Afghan civilian deaths — at least 472 in the first seven months of the year, most in suicide bombings, according to an Associated Press count.

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The number of U.S. soldiers killed in May, June and July, the deadliest period in Afghanistan since 2001.

In all, at least 600 Afghan civilians were killed from January through July, a 30 percent increase from the same period last year, according to AP figures compiled from coalition and Afghan officials. That includes at least 128 killed by U.S. or NATO forces.

There are about 33,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, the most since the war began in 2001. JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

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World

CLEAN SWEEP: Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi is sparing no effort to solve Naples' garbage crisis. On Thursday, he swept the city's streets for a few moments — in front of cameras, of course.

Fertility Plans Questioned

Study: 2 infertility treatments ineffective for certain couples

LONDON | A new study calls into question the use of two common infertility treatments for couples who have unexplained problems conceiving children.

Doctors in Scotland tested the effectiveness of a drug that stimulates ovulation and artificial insemination against doing nothing in 580 couples who had no obvious reasons for their inability to conceive.

Among the three groups, researchers found little difference in the numbers of couples who had babies. The study was published Friday in the British Medical Journal.

"These treatments are a leap of faith," said Dr. Siladitya Bhattacharya, a professor of reproductive medicine at the University of Aberdeen and the study's lead author. "None of the treatments studied had any significant benefit over no treatment at all."

Infertility affects about one in seven couples. Doctors usually try fertility pills or artificial insemination before moving on to more complicated techniques like in-vitro fertilization. Bhattacharya said that he and the five study centers no longer offer the two tested treatments.

A third of the 580 couples in the study were counseled on the need to have regular sex. Another group got clomifene citrate, which stimulates the ovaries to release eggs. For the third group, doctors performed artificial insemination.

Women who were pregnant after six months were then monitored until they gave birth.

In the no-treatment group, 32 couples had babies. That compares to 26 babies for the women who took fertility pills and 43 for those who had artificial insemination. MARIA CHENG (AP)

NAIROBI, KENYA | IN MEMORIAM

KAREL PRINSLOO/AP

ARTISTIC REMEMBRANCE: A security guard watches as a man carries a painting that shows Osama bin Laden and the victims of the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya, on Thursday. Kenya and Tanzania marked the 10th anniversary of al-Qaeda's attacks on U.S. embassies in those countries, which killed more than 200 people and injured 5,000 people.

'Great Escape' Veteran Dowling Dies

LONDON | Eric Dowling, nicknamed "Digger" for helping excavate tunnels used in the breakout from a World War II German prison camp that became known as the "Great Escape," has died. He was 92.

Dowling played a key role in planning the 1944 escape by 76 prisoners from Stalag Luft III prison near Sagan in eastern Germany — now Zagan, Poland. He forged documents, made maps and helped dig three tunnels code-named Tom, Dick and Harry.

Dowling

The breakout was one of the most celebrated incidents of the war and inspired the 1963 film "The Great Escape" starring Steve McQueen and Richard Attenborough.

Over almost a year, prisoners surreptitiously dug the tunnels 30 feet underground, shored up with bedboards and wired with stolen electrical wire.

All but three of the escapees were recaptured, and 50 of them were shot on the orders of Adolf Hitler to deter future attempts. (AP)

101,750 | **The price, in dollars,** of an astronomical clock at the Washington County Historical Society in Hagerstown, Md. It owns the clock because the two words "Hager's" and "Town" appear on the clock face, and it was made by a Hagerstown clockmaker.

Local

In Brief

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP/FILE

Va. officials say the stream has been contaminated twice in as many weeks.

ARLINGTON, VA.

Toilet Waste Spilled Again Into Four Mile Run Stream

Arlington County officials are warning residents to stay out of Four Mile Run Stream because it has been contaminated with waste from a portable toilet for the second time in as many weeks. Officials used a vacuum truck to remove as much of the waste as possible, and posted signs warning of the contamination along the stream, said Steve Temmermand, Arlington's division chief for parks and natural resources. He said the water near the spill remains "crummy and yucky and smells of deodorizer and human waste." MARIA GLOD (TWP)

RICHMOND, VA

Report Says Richmond Is The Smoggiest Area in Va.

Measurements from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality show the Richmond area has been the smoggiest region of the state this year. According to the figures, ozone has hit unhealthy levels 16 days so far this spring and summer, compared with 11 days in Northern Virginia. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Recalled Beef Linked to Va. Outbreak at Boy Scout Camp

State and federal officials have linked a California company's recall of ground beef to an E. coli outbreak at the Blue Ridge Mountain camp, a Virginia Boy Scout camp. S&S Foods of Azusa, Calif., announced Thursday it is recalling 153,630 pounds of frozen ground beef that may be contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7. The same strain has been linked by the Virginia Department of Health to 27 confirmed E. coli cases at the Goshen Scout Reservation. (AP)

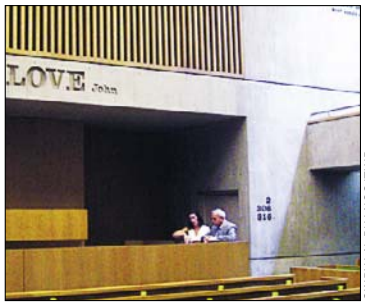
Church Sues Over Landmark Status

Third Church of Christ, Scientist, says ruling violates constitution

Lawyers for a downtown church filed a federal lawsuit Thursday, saying the District violated the Constitution when it protected the building from demolition by granting it landmark status.

The Third Church of Christ, Scientist, located at 16th and I streets, NW, was designated a landmark last December, which means all changes must go through the city's Historic Preservation Review Board. Church members say the massive concrete structure is bunker-like and unwelcoming, and they want to raze it so they can build a new one.

In a suit filed in U.S. District Court for the District, the church says the landmark designation violates the First Amendment to the Constitution and limits its ability to freely practice religion. The Historic Preservation Review Board ruled that the building, constructed in 1968, is an example of modern Brutalist architecture.



SINDYA N. BHANOO/TWP

The Third Church of Christ, Scientist, was constructed in the District in 1968.

"It's a question of whether the building is more important than the people worshiping inside," said Eric Rassbach, an attorney representing the church through the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

There are only two windows in the church's auditorium, one of which blinds the church organist three months out of the year. And the concrete is ugly, said Darrow Kirkpatrick, a senior member of the congregation. "This building is not inviting," Kirkpatrick said. "It doesn't represent us." SINDYA N. BHANOO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

STEPHEN J. BOITANO/AP

Berwyn Heights, Md., Mayor Cheye Calvo and his wife, Trinity Tomsic, speak at a news conference at their house Thursday. Calvo wants the U.S. Justice Department to investigate a county police raid on his home during which his dogs were killed.

FBI Launches Review of Calvo Raid

Md. mayor's 2 dogs were killed in Berwyn Heights home raid

The FBI has launched a review of the police raid of Mayor Cheye Calvo's home in Berwyn Heights last week that resulted in the deaths of the family's two dogs.

Richard J. Wolf, spokesman for the FBI in Baltimore, which has jurisdiction over federal civil rights investigations in Maryland, said the agency has begun "reviewing the events that occurred at Mr. Calvo's residence."

The raid, conducted by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office and county narcotics officers, was launched after police tracked a shipment of drugs addressed to the mayor's wife. During the raid, sheriff's deputies fatally shot the family's two black Labrador retrievers. Such FBI reviews precede investigations and are used to determine whether law enforcement agencies had proper procedures in place and whether they executed those plans properly.

In a news conference Thursday, Calvo and his wife, Trinity Tomsic, called for the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct a civil rights investigation into the practices of Prince George's law enforcement, including the raid on their home. The couple also sent a letter Thursday to the department. ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN AND AARON C. DAVIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Aug. 7

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-3-0
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	8-9-7
Mid-day DC 4	2-7-3-9
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	2-3-2-5
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	10-17-18-23-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	11-21-29-31-36-38 Bonus: 13
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-3-35-37-38 (16)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-1-7
Mid-day Pick 4	1-1-0-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-1-0-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	12-15-20-24-25 Bonus: 18
Lotto (Wed.)	10-17-20-36-38-40

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	7-5-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-4-3
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	2-3-0-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-0-7-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	1-13-23-25-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-18-20-28-30
Win for Life (Wed.)	2-4-13-16-19-27

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	5-24-36-37-51 (19)
Power Play	4X

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office.

NEW BOSS: The National Park Service named Kym Elder the first superintendent of Ford's Theatre National Historic Site. Elder, a 21-year veteran of the Park Service, was previously manager of Glen Echo Park.

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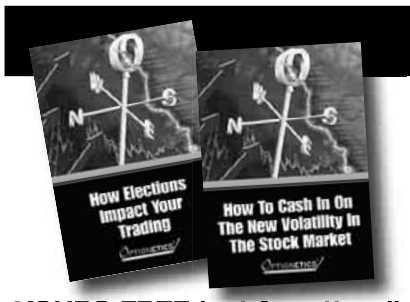

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GOOD CALL: Nearly half of U.S. residents say they would oppose allowing cell phone use aboard flights even if there were no issues with the phones interfering with aircraft communications systems, a Department of Transportation survey finds.

EPA Blocks Ethanol Waiver Request

Texas gov. eyed cutting renewable fuels ratio over high corn prices

LUBBOCK, TEXAS | The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday denied a request from Texas Gov. Rick Perry to cut the federal ethanol mandate in half for a year.

Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle said EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson spoke to Perry about his waiver request by phone shortly before Johnson announced the agency's decision publicly Thursday.

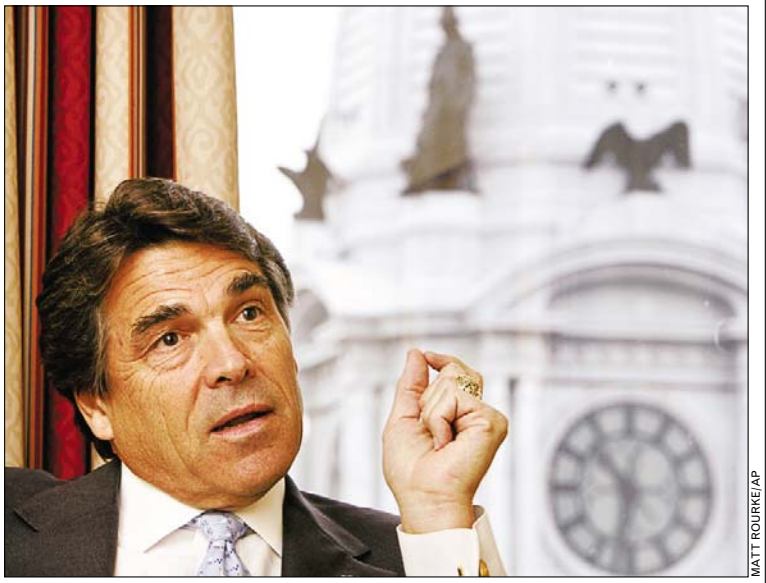
An energy bill passed in December required 9 billion gallons of ethanol to be blended into gasoline this year and about 11 billion gallons next year. Perry asked the EPA in April to drop the Renewable Fuels Standard requirement to 4.5 billion gallons because demand for ethanol is raising corn prices for livestock producers and driving up food prices.

In a statement issued by his office, Perry called the decision "a mistake" and "bad public policy."

"I am greatly disappointed with the EPA's inability to look past the good intentions of this policy to see the significant harm it is doing to farmers, ranchers and American households," Perry said. "

Castle said Johnson did not address the other issue Perry included in his petition.

"The administrator didn't mention anything to the governor about the livestock industry," she said, adding that cattle feeders in Texas had their worst monthly loss in history in March. BETSY BLANEY (AP)



MATT ROURKE/AP

Texas Gov. Rick Perry criticized the Environmental Protection Agency's denial of his request to lower the amount of ethanol in gasoline because of high corn prices.

Citigroup to Pay $7B to Investors

Nation's largest bank to pay $100M fine over false risk assessments

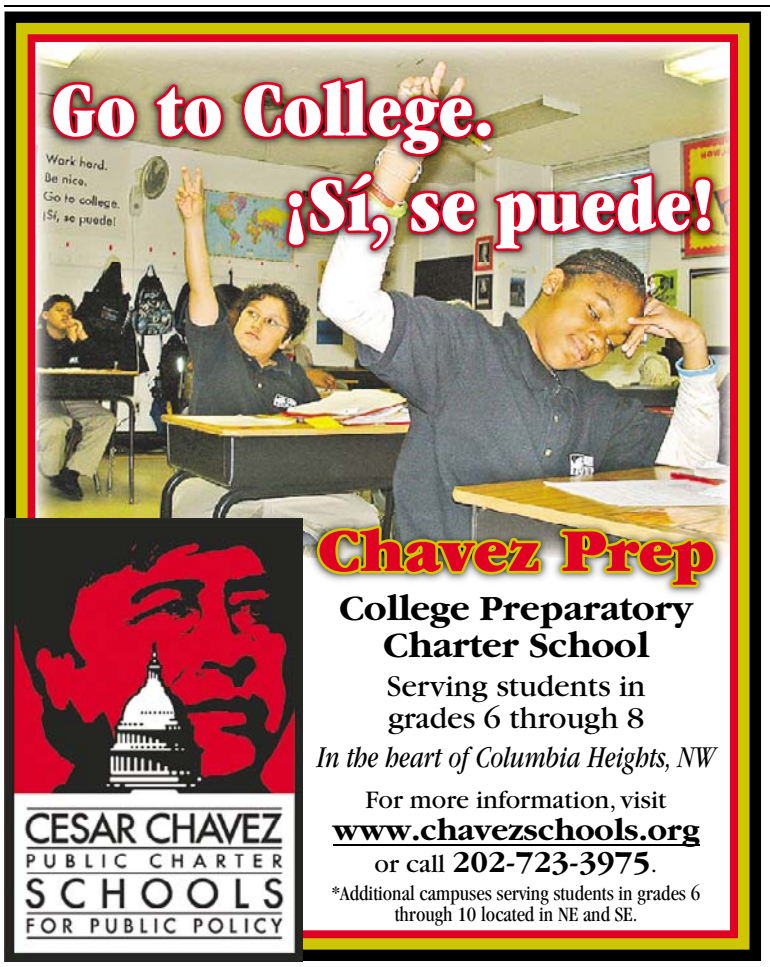
WASHINGTON | Citigroup Inc. will buy back more than $7 billion in auction-rate securities and pay $100 million in fines as part of settlements with federal and state regulators, who said the bank marketed the investments as safe despite liquidity risks.

Citigroup will buy back the securities from tens of thousands of investors nationwide under separate accords announced Thursday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and other state regulators. The buybacks from nearly 40,000 individual investors, small businesses and charities are not expected to cause significant losses for Citigroup; they must be completed by November.

The nation's largest financial institution also will pay $50 million each in civil penalties to New York state and the North American Securities Administrators Association, which represents securities regulators in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The SEC also will consider levying a fine on Citigroup, the agency's enforcement director Linda Thomsen, said at a news conference.

New York-based Citigroup agreed to reimburse investors who sold their auction-rate securities at a loss after the market for them collapsed in mid-February. Also under the SEC accord, Citigroup agreed to make its best efforts to liquidate by the end of next year all of the roughly $12 billion of auction-rate securities it sold to retirement plans and other institutional investors. Cuomo said his office will monitor that effort for three months and then decide on a timeframe. MARCY GORDON (AP)



Sunday in The Washington Post

Be Barely Afraid

A little fear is a good thing — as long as you know how to use it

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | There are plenty of people who coast across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge without even a flicker of anxiety, never giving a thought to any greater calamity than whether they forgot the sunscreen or made an error in judgment in packing the Speedo.

But for some people, the 4.3-mile span sparks feelings from mild consternation to outright panic.

What if the bridge sways or collapses? What if an erratic driver forces them out of their lane and into the drink?

Or, worse still, what if they completely freak out and in a state of panic accidentally drive themselves into the bay?

Some can't even express exactly what it is that terrifies them; — they just know how they feel: heart racing, back of the neck on fire, irresistible urge to flee at the mere mention of the b-r-i-d-g-e.

Of course, it's natural to have a little fear.

"Some level of anxiety helps warn us when there's danger or motivates us to behave in a certain way," says Jerilyn Ross, a psychotherapist and director of the D.C.-based Ross Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders. "It's healthy."

In other words, if you're eyeball-to-eyeball with a black widow spider, the desire to run screaming from the room falls under the domain of self-preservation. That's good.

But if you spend 20 minutes every morning inspecting your shoes to make sure an eight-legged monster isn't lying inside waiting to bite your big toe, fear has probably crossed the line into the irrational.

Not so good.

In fact, if your anxiety is so intense that it causes you to alter the way you live, you might be classified as a having a phobia, an anxiety disorder characterized by intense, irrational fear of an object, situation or person.

If so, you have company: About 19 million Americans suffer from specific phobias and another 15 million have a social anxiety disorder (the fear of being scrutinized in social situations and found lacking), according to the Anxiety Disorders Association of America.

People with fears and phobias often have physiological responses (sweating, a racing pulse or trembling, for example) as well as a "cascade of thoughts" about all the terrible things that are about to befall them.

They might fear the actual object or situation — (the plane they think is going to crash, for example) — but many also feel great anxiety over their own potential responses.

"They might feel like they will die, go crazy, pass out or just suddenly go charging out of the room," Ross says.

As intense as it can be, the fear itself isn't the real problem. "People don't lose control. They don't drive off the bridge or pass out or have heart attacks," Ross says. "The feeling is real, and it's something you need to address, but it is not harmful."

What is harmful, though, is the behavioral response: when people with phobias change the way they live in order to avoid the thing they fear.

They turn down a job offer because they're afraid of public speaking, they drive long distances because they're afraid to fly, or they avoid buildings taller than three floors because they're afraid of heights.

Nationally, common fears include public speaking, snakes, spiders, heights, small spaces and elevators.

"I've had people do everything from sitting low in the backseat to locking themselves in the trunk," to get over the Bay Bridge, says Ross, who adds that the bridge, the Capital Beltway and Metro's dizzying escalators are high on the list of locals' fears.. CHRISTINA BREDA ANTONIADES (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find out what causes some phobias, and the relatively simple and effective methods used to ease or even eliminate them.

IN The Washington Post

5 more reasons to read

THESE STORIES AND MORE **THIS SUNDAY**

The AARP Girl

Madonna, the Material Girl, has turned 50. So, where does she go from here? **STYLE & ARTS**

Shifting to Drive

Jonathan Yardley reviews a high-octane book about America's favorite pastime: driving. **BOOK WORLD**

The Games Begin

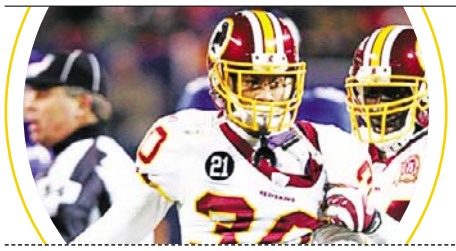
We give you a comprehensive schedule of the Olympics on TV. **TV WEEK**

What a Drag

When Nationals Park was built, it displaced the city's drag queen enclave — and put the performers' future in jeopardy. **THE MAGAZINE**

Scion of the Times

Warren Brown drives the Toyota Scion xD, and finds its ugliness a thing of beauty. **CAR PAGES**



REDSKINS
A Big Hit: As a rookie, LaRon Landry made a name for himself by terrorizing wide receivers in the middle of the field. He's back. | 17

Sports Weekend

Cool in the Pool

Michael Phelps stays relaxed despite gold medal expectations

OLYMPICS | Like a kid hanging out in his college dorm, Michael Phelps is having a blast at the Olympic village — watching movies, playing spades with his roommates, goofing around whenever possible. He's even sporting a Fu Manchu mustache.

"I'm just here enjoying myself," Phelps said Wednesday. "It's fun."

What, were you expecting something else?

Phelps is staying loose by savoring his time as one of the boys. After all the work he's put in the last four years, a few intense days right before the big meet is probably the last thing he needs.

"I'm preparing myself the best way I can to compete as fast as I can," Phelps said. "That's my goal, and that's what I am going to stick with. I haven't said anything about breaking any record or going after a record. I'm just going out there and trying to do something that I want to do. My goals haven't been published. [Coach Bob Bowman] and I are the only two that know them. We're going to work through the next week and, hopefully, try to accomplish our goals."

Still, Phelps gets it. He knows he's the star of the show, the one given his own news conference — well, along with 41-year-old Dara Torres — right before a get-together with six other swimmers to avoid stealing their spotlight. And he's the reason the news conference was held in the biggest meeting room at the media center.

The half-hour of questions and answers turned out like most of Phelps' races: He knew what was coming and deftly met all the challenges.

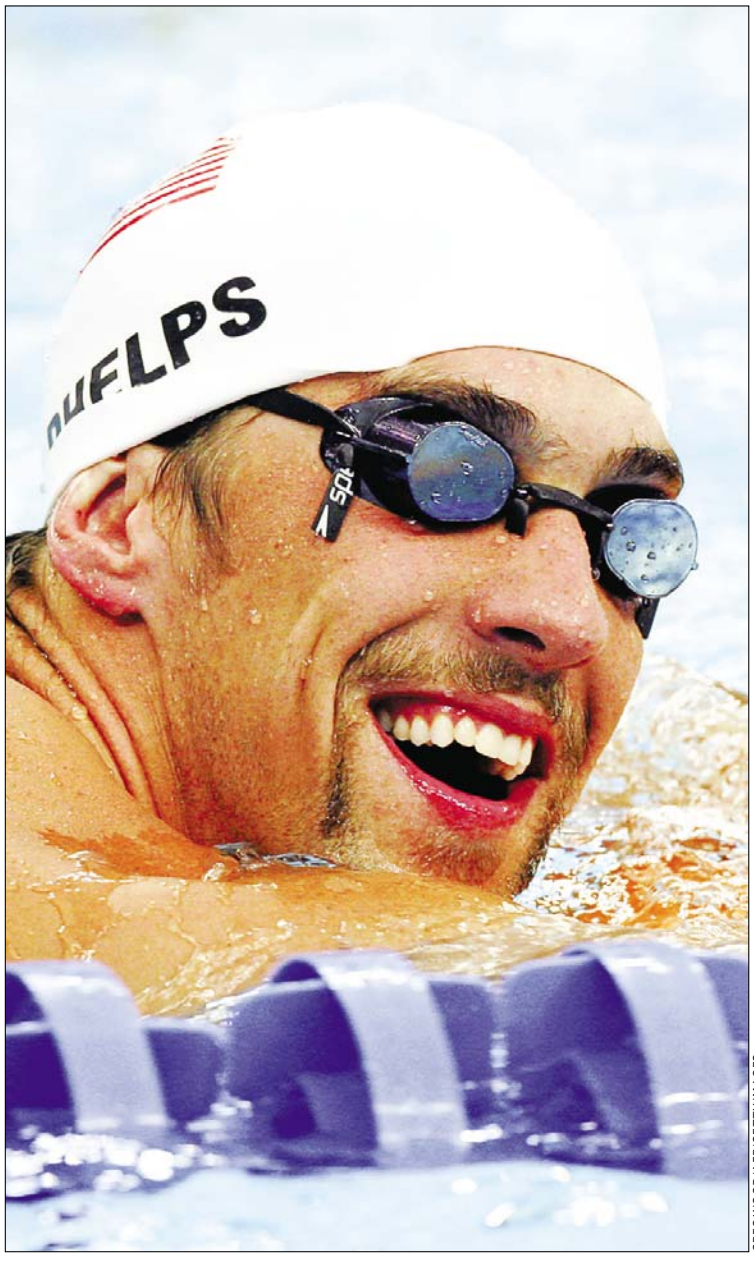
On finals being held in the morning so they can be shown live in prime time for U.S. television viewers, a change made because of his quest: "It's the Olympic Games. You have to be ready to swim or compete whenever you have the opportunity. Morning, night, midday, midnight — it doesn't matter."

On Mark Spitz, whose record of seven gold medals he is chasing: "I have not talked to Mark. He wished me best of luck at trials when he gave out some awards."

That gets back to those secret goals. They're not about a medal count, but about beating certain times — albeit times that likely will win gold and break records.

Phelps already has six gold medals and two bronze medals from Athens four years ago. He won seven golds at last year's world championships, setting four records along the way.

"Physically, he's just much stronger and more mature, so he's got a lot more power [and] still has the fitness," Bowman said, comparing Phelps to the 19-year-old version in '04. "Emotionally, he's the same guy. ... The biggest advantage he has now is he's been through the process before, so he knows what to expect." JAIME ARON (AP)



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"I'm just messing around with it a little bit," a relaxed Michael Phelps said of his Fu Manchu mustache during a private news conference held for the swimming star.

In the Water | **A look at how Michael Phelps stacks up against the field in his eight events**

- **Aug. 10** Phelps is the world record holder in the 400m IM.
- **Aug. 11** Phelps' relay team holds 4x100m freestyle world record.
- **Aug. 12** Phelps holds the world record in the 200m freestyle.
- **Aug. 13** No one is close to Phelps in the 200m butterfly.
- **Aug. 13** Phelps leads the world's fastest 4x200m freestyle team.
- **Aug. 15** No big shock: Phelps holds the 200m IM world record.
- **Aug. 16** USA's Ian Crocker has the 100m butterfly world record.
- **Aug. 17** Phelps hopes to have a spot in the 4x100 medley relay.

NBA | **Mascot Mishap** The Philadelphia 76ers placed their mascot, Hip-Hop, on the injured reserve list Thursday, according to a local TV station's Web site. NBC10.com reported that Hip-Hop suffered a knee injury while attempting a dunk for a group of children. "We expect Hip-Hop to make a full recovery," said Senior Vice President Lara Price. "We know how much his fans are looking forward to him getting back on the court." The mascot has missed only one game during his 10-year career, and that was due to the "birth of his first bunny." (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

MICHAEL CONROY/AP

The PGA Championship goes on despite the fact that Tiger isn't there.

friday

8 P.M. The torch will be lit and the 2008 Beijing Olympics will officially be under way with the opening ceremony's Parade of Nations. NBC

8 P.M. Little League officials have elected to use instant replay to overturn controversial calls when the World Series kicks off with the Southeast Regional Final. ESPN

8 P.M. The Washington Nationals face CC Sabathia when they travel to Milwaukee to take on the Brewers. MASN/MY20

saturday

3:30 P.M. The New York Yankees continue their 10-game road trip in Los Angeles to take on the best team in baseball, the Angels. FOX

8 P.M. Michael Phelps' swimming is the prime-time event on NBC, but you can catch Olympics action all day, from 5 a.m. to midnight, on CNBC, MSNBC and Telemundo.

sunday

10 A.M. Once again, the Olympics air all day, but perhaps the most exciting event will be Yao Ming and Team China hosting the U.S. men's basketball squad. NBC

11 A.M. See whether Phil Mickelson can win his second PGA championship when the 90-year-old tournament enters the final round. TNT/CBS

8 P.M. A rivalry continues when two teams battling for the NL Central title, the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals, square off. ESPN

OLYMPIC PICKS

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EXPRESS SPORTS EDITOR

MEDAL COUNT WINNER: China

MICHAEL PHELPS TOTAL MEDALS: Eight

MICHAEL PHELPS GOLD MEDALS: Six

MEN'S 100M DASH WINNER: Tyson Gay

MEN'S HOOPS CHAMPIONS: United States

GYMNASTICS (W) CHAMPIONS: China

FAVORITE NEW ADDITION: Women's steeplechase

BEST FRINGE SPORT: Synchronized diving

PROTESTERS WITH THE MOST HYPE: Taiwan

OVERSHADOWED PROTESTERS: Darfur

OVERPLAYED 'KERRI STRUG' STORY LINE: Dana Torres, U.S. swimmer

BEST SPORT TO WATCH: Table tennis

WORST SPORT TO WATCH: Rowing

OLYMPIC TORCH LIGHTER: Guo Jingjing, Chinese diver

NBC'S MOST OVERUSED STORY: Smog

NO. OF ATHLETES CAUGHT DOPING: 12

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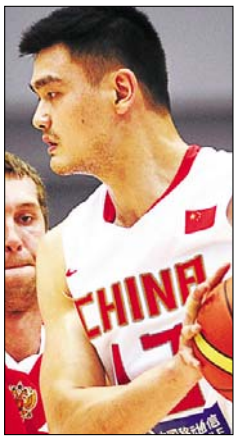

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SUNDAY, AUG. 10

Men's Hoops: U.S. vs. China

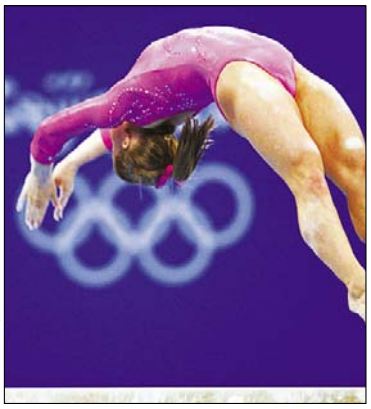
Basketball fans are in for the long haul. The games start the first day and end the last day of competition. Along the way, there will likely be matchups with 2004 gold and silver medalists Argentina and Italy, respectively. But the first real test comes on Sunday, when the U.S. "Redeem Team" takes on Yao Ming, left, and China in what will certainly be a heavily biased Chinese crowd. After a disappointing showing in the last Olympics, the U.S. is obviously still the favorite to play in the gold medal game on Sunday, Aug. 24. But if the U.S. comes out flat against China, it could mean trouble.

2

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

Team Gymnastics Final — Women

Shawn Johnson is the best of the best, and she will lead a U.S. team that is favored to win. Johnson won every international competition she entered in 2007 and will likely go home with more than one gold medal this year. But one wrong step, stumble or slip is all it takes to fall off the podium. There is no longer such a thing as a perfect 10 after a change in the scoring system, which could force gymnasts to get out of their comfort zone and push their limits — which may also mean more falls. If the U.S. women mess up, the Chinese will be there to capitalize.



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Shawn Johnson practices on the balance beam in preparation for the Olympics.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 23

Men's Table Tennis Final

It's no surprise that this event is all China. The host nation expects to win each of the four gold medals awarded for table tennis — and with good reason. Except for 1991, when South Korea won, the women's team has won every world championship since 1975. And the men's team, which boasts the four top players in the world, has won each of the past four world titles. The men's single final is considered by many in China to be the nation's Super Bowl, and they expect it to include two of their own.

ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP

Gay, right, edges out Bolt at the 2007 World Championships.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 16

Men's 100-Meter Final

It will be less than 10 seconds long, so you don't have to plan your entire Saturday around the men's 100-meter final. But the shortest race at the Olympics is often the most exciting. American Tyson Gay won the 2007 World Championships and recently ran the fastest 100 meters in history. But Jamaican Usain Bolt is the world record holder, and teammate Asafa Powell held the record before him. It all comes down to 10 seconds.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 22

Women's Beach Volleyball Final

During their run to the gold medal in 2004, Kerry Walsh, left, and Misty May-Treanor became household names, thanks to athletic play and skimpy outfits. They're back this year, but May-Treanor has been playing with taped up ribs, and Walsh is coming off shoulder surgery. Their toughest competition could come from another American team: Bronze medalist Elaine Youngs is teaming up with 6-foot-2 Nicole Branagh this year.

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MEDAL COUNT WINNER: China

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MICHAEL PHELPS GOLD MEDALS: Five

MEN'S 100M DASH WINNER: Usain Bolt

MEN'S HOOPS CHAMPIONS: United States

WOMEN'S GYM CHAMPIONS: United States

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WORST SPORT TO WATCH: Sailing

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NBC'S MOST OVERUSED STORY: Dalai Lama

NO. OF ATHLETES CAUGHT DOPING: 30

Squad Still Shoots for Gold

U.S. men's gymnastics is hurting after the Hamm twins pull out

OLYMPICS | The reigning Olympic champion is gone and so is the only other guy who's competed under the glare of the Olympic spotlight. Yet the Hamm-strung Americans insist nothing's changed. When the team medals are handed out next week, they think they can be right there with the Chinese.

Good thing they're confident. They might be the only ones.

Certain contenders in men's gymnastics only a few weeks ago, the Americans now find themselves with a far tougher road to the medals podium — maybe even to the team finals. Morgan Hamm, the only American with Olympic experience, withdrew Thursday because of a chronic ankle injury. Hamm's twin brother, Paul, pulled out July 28, two days before the U.S. team left for China. Not only was he still feeling pain in the hand he broke in May, but he also had a shoulder injury.

ODD ANDERSON/AP

Morgan Hamm withdrew from the Olympics on Thursday due to an injury.

"These guys are good enough to go out there and get a medal and compete with anyone else in the world," Morgan Hamm said. "They're going to show the heart of America here in Beijing."

The United States was fourth at last year's world championships, three missed routines from a medal. With Sasha Artemev replacing Morgan Hamm, half of last year's world team will be on the floor when the men's competition at the Beijing Olympics begins Saturday.

"Morgan Hamm is an irreplaceable athlete, an incredible gymnast," Horton said. "The expectations stay the same. The vision doesn't change at all." NANCY ARMOUR (AP)

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Hope Sports Are Focus in Beijing

I UNDERSTAND THE APPEAL of picking China to host the Olympics.

It's an undiscovered country to much of the world. The Great Wall, the Forbidden City and centuries of history, all — more or less — veiled by the clout of a totalitarian regime.

By granting Beijing the games, the International Olympic Committee made a splash years ago, and the anticipation seems higher than it's been in quite some time.

Yet, my anticipation is a bit dampened by a nagging feeling of dread. Any previous talk that the Olympics would force China to come up to world standards on human rights and pollution was quite obviously hogwash.

The IOC lived up to its checkered history — giving the games to Nazi Germany and communist Russia are two examples — in the run-up to this weekend. Secret deals allowing censored coverage cloud a very smoggy venue even further.

The sports themselves will be as dramatic as ever.

Michael Phelps' pursuit to beat Mark Spitz's record is compelling and made more so by the great mustache he hopefully won't shave. I'm also curious how the U.S. basketball team will fare after 2004's disappointment. And then there are always the unknowns who emerge as stars.

Deep down, though, my sense is the games will be overshadowed by protest or something worse. Years of repression may manifest themselves in ugly ways.

I hope for the best but fear the worst. Let's just hope the attention stays on the games.

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Brett Favre holds up his No. 4 Jets jersey during a press conference in Cleveland.

Favre: 'I'm Here to Help the Jets Win'

Quarterback catches up with his new team after long saga ends

NFL | Brett Favre held up his new green jersey Thursday evening, hoping he made the right decision.

"To a certain degree, I don't know what I'm getting into," he said.

Favre's summertime soap opera ended Wednesday night when the Green Bay Packers traded their iconic quarterback to the New York Jets, who haven't had a star of No. 4's stature since the days Joe Namath was slinging passes.

"I'm here for one reason. Not to do commercials, Broadway, all those things," Favre said after joining New York. "I'm here to help the Jets win."

It's not certain when the three-time MVP will be ready to play. But he assured it will be soon.

"I'm a little out of shape, compared to the other guys," he said.

Five months after a tearful goodbye to a Hall of Fame career, Favre, who won a Super Bowl title and set all sorts of records in 16 seasons before his acrimonious split with the Packers, is now part of a Jets team which went 4-12 last season.

"It's like a marriage that ends," Packers president Mark Murphy said. "It happens. Neither party is at fault." TOM WITHERS (AP)

Milledge Blasts 2 in Nats' Win

NATIONALS | Lastings Milledge homered twice and drove in a career-high four runs, and Jason Bergmann earned his first win in nearly three months to help the Washington beat the Colorado 6-3 in the first game of a doubleheader Thursday.

It was Milledge's second multi-homer game.

Bergmann (2-8) gave up seven hits, struck out seven and walked two in seven-plus innings. He shut out the Rockies until Matt Holliday led off the eighth with his 22nd homer. Joel Hanrahan got his second save.

Jeff Francis (3-8), who came off the disabled list Wednesday, took the loss in his first start since June 28 in Detroit. Francis gave up five runs on eight hits. (AP)

O's Trade Reliever Bradford to Rays

ORIOLES | The first-place Tampa Bay Rays acquired reliever Chad Bradford from Baltimore on Thursday, bolstering their bullpen with a proven postseason pitcher.

The Rays claimed the submarining right-hander on waivers, then got him from the Orioles in a trade for a player to be named.

The 33-year-old Bradford is 3-3 with a 2.45 ERA this year. The durable reliever has a 0.00 ERA in 17 playoff games spanning 15 1/3 innings. (AP)

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Landry's Hard-Knock Life

Redskins safety is one of the hardest-hitting players in the NFL

REDSKINS | Ask LaRon Landry whether receivers on his own team are afraid to come across the middle on him in practice and you'll get a sheepish laugh.

The second-year safety is approachable — even affable at times — when you catch him between practices at Redskins Park. Still, his eyes rarely lose that game-day glint.

"I love contact, most definitely," he says after laughing, in a way that both plays down the severity of the hits but also gives you the vibe he'd instinctively lay you out if that notebook you were holding were a football.

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For someone who loves to hit, Landry has the most enviable job on the field: Cover his area, observe the play and level the guy with the ball. It's something his predecessor — the late Sean Taylor — became a Pro Bowler doing. Now, Landry will try to fill the shadow of No. 21 as the showcase player on Washington's last line of defense.

"[Landry and Taylor are] very similar," Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot said. "I think just the presence of Sean Taylor when [receivers] walked out on the field and looked at him [was imposing]."

Granted, Landry isn't as big a defender as Taylor [at 6 feet tall and 213 pounds, he's 3 inches and roughly 30 pounds smaller], but the tenacity and intelligence Landry brought to the field last season allowed Taylor to become more of a roaming player without having to worry about other responsibilities.

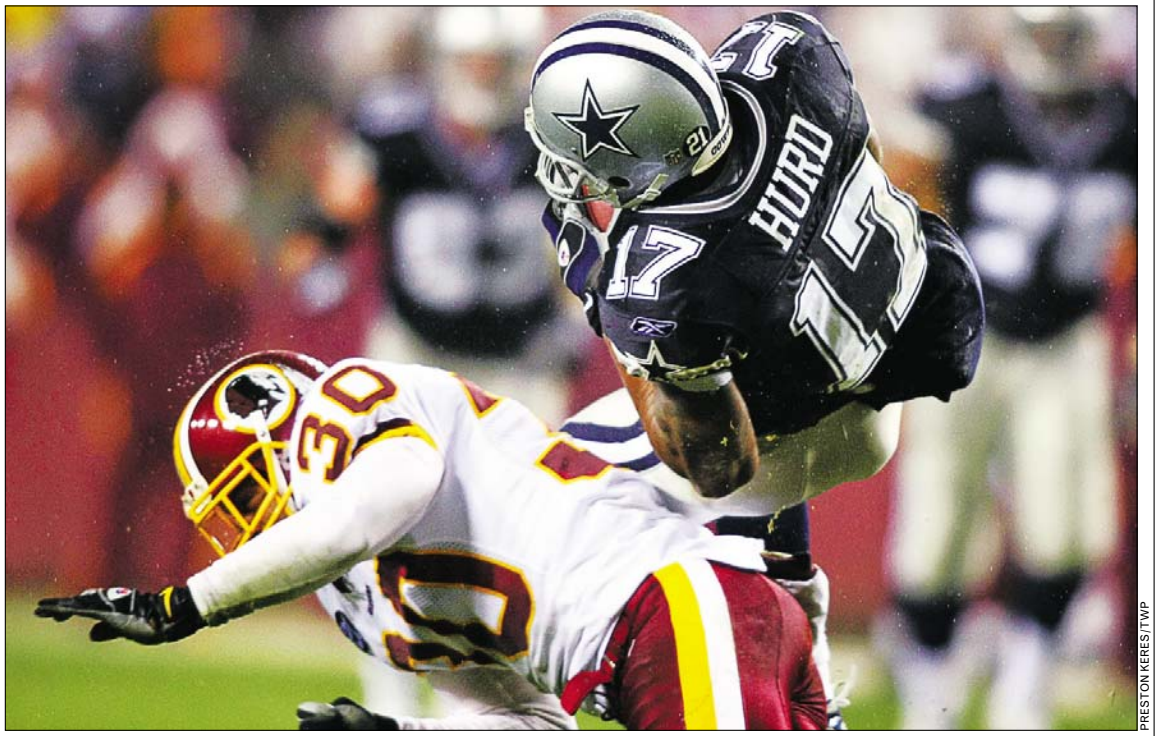
Landry was third on the team with 97 tackles and made the NFL All-Rookie Defensive Team.

"He's very rangy. He sort of distorts [offensive] reads sometimes," Redskins head coach Jim Zorn said. "Once he responds, he actually makes up more ground than most defenders I've been around."

Landry, who has been nursing a hamstring injury, wasn't fully participating in practices as of Wednesday and may not play in Saturday's game against Buffalo. Bills receivers probably wouldn't mind if he rested up for the regular season.

"Receivers, you've got to realize, they're pretty boys," Smoot said jokingly. "When you've got a safety over the middle who lays the punishment like LaRon, they will be looking for him when they go across the middle. So, that allows me to loosen up and play a little more outside."

ERIC BRANDNER



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Redskins safety LaRon Landry, left, had 97 tackles last year in his rookie season. "I love contact, most definitely," he said.

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He's So Cold: Ice Cube will take time out from his movie career to appear at Avenue on Saturday night with his signature gangsta rap | 19

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WALK THE LINE: In August 1974, Philippe Petit walked, knelt and laid down on a wire he stretched between the Twin Towers.

Look, Sky Walker

A new documentary follows one man who did the impossible

GUTSY | Philippe Petit is alive. Alive and quite well, in fact, nearing 60 but exhibiting the strength and enthusiasm of a man half his age. That in itself is a bit of a miracle, considering the myriad death-defying acts the French high-wire artist has pulled off over the past four decades.

"Man on Wire" focuses on his most dangerous and dazzling feat of all, the one that got him arrested and made him an celebrity.

In August 1974, Petit walked across a wire that had been strung illegally between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the tallest buildings in the world at that point. But "walk" doesn't do justice to his performance that day; it makes his accomplishment sound too pedestrian. Petit practically floated on air, 1,350 feet above Lower Manhattan, and he made it look effortless. Not only did he cross back and forth for about an hour, but he also stopped to kneel on the wire and even laid down on his back, which will make your heart stop.

But he made it — and he's alive. And the fact that we know he's alive in no way depletes director James Marsh's documentary of its suspense; Petit is such an impish, infectious storyteller, and he's so obviously happy to narrate his own wild tale, he actually adds to the thrill.

He'd obsessed over the World Trade Center towers for more than six years, even felt as if they were built specifically for him to walk a wire between. As narcissistic as that sounds, Petit still makes you wonder: How in the world did he do this? He makes you perch on the edge of your seat, longing to learn more.

Again, the word "documentary" doesn't begin to do justice to Marsh's achievement. The British filmmaker was inventive enough to approach the material as if it were a high-stakes heist, with some elements of character study and French farce thrown in for good measure.

That's fitting, though, because Petit and his co-conspirators — a motley crew of friends and troublemakers from around the world — secretly and meticulously worked through every step of the plan as if they were robbing the bank. They even referred to Petit's Twin Towers walk as "le coup." Sitting in the audience, feeling as if you're in on the scheme with them, is just one of the film's many joys.

Or as Jim Moore, one of Petit's key helpers in New York, put it so succinctly: "It just sounded like a really fun adventure."

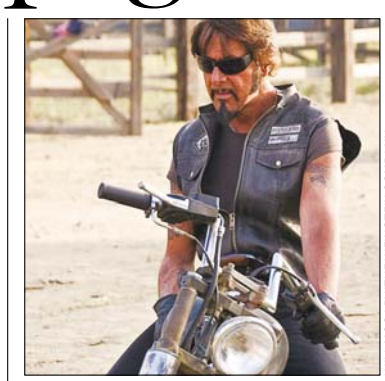
CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Undercooked Spaghetti Flick

Biker film goes for authentic but comes out realistically bad

GRITTY | "Hell Ride," a low-budget spaghetti-biker movie, may have historical significance for connoisseurs of Z-grade garbage, whose unofficial president, Quentin Tarantino, executive-produced this film. Its writer-director is Larry Bishop, a veteran actor of 1960s youth flicks like "Wild in the Streets" and "Chrome and Hot Leather." Those were the days when Z-grade garbage, with its transgressive sex and violence, still meant something (insert wistful sigh here).

But now lurid filmmaking is everywhere, from second-tier cable channels to the Internet to the multiplex. Tarantino enlisted Bishop (son of Rat Packer Joey) to bring some authenticity to "Hell Ride," and it worked: This is an authentically bad movie. Bishop himself plays Pistolero, president of the Victors biker gang, who's out to avenge the grisly murder of Cherokee Kisum (Julia Jones). Riding at his right and left handlebars are the Gent (Michael Madsen) and the newcomer Comanche (Eric Balfour), ready to battle the rival 666ers gang, headed by Billy Wings (Vinnie Jones) and the smooth-talking Deuce (David Carradine, whose brief scene is the only highlight).



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He's a cool rider, but director Larry Bishop misses the mark in "Hell Ride."

Basically, this film sounds like more fun than it actually is.

RAFER GUZMAN (NEWSDAY)

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The wine selection at Sova, a hangout at 1359 H Street NE, is interesting.

I'm looking for a place with a coffeehouse vibe but to drink wine instead of coffee. I want to sit somewhere for a few hours, sip one or two glasses of wine, maybe buy something small to eat, read the paper and just relax by myself. Is there anywhere like this?

Sova, on H Street NE, would be perfect for this: funky decor with a mix of sofas and tables, and there were some Posts and WSJs last time I was there. The wine list is interesting, though not as extensive as, say, Vinoteca's or Enology's.

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BACK IN THE DAY: Ice Cube ruled hip-hop before its bling bastardization. Here's hoping that he kicks it old school on Saturday.

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

After a protracted and often ridiculous legal battle, **COMET PING PONG** has been granted the authority to present live music. It's a happy development, as the back room of the Chevy Chase, D.C., pizza joint is a nice space for a show, with a decent little stage and enough room to comfortably fit 75 or so people. The sound can be a bit sketchy — it all depends on the PA brought along that night — but it's no worse than other PA-less venues around town. Tonight's "comeback show" is a doozy, too, as it features one of our very favorite bands, Baltimore trio Double Dagger. Double Dagger's vicious low-end rumble, using only bass, drums and howling vocals, is one of the most exciting sounds in the underground rock realm. Just be prepared to be wrapped up in some mic cords. You've been warned. Local favorites Apes and Fiasco also perform.

For a 13-year-old metalhead, the discovery of New York thrash band S.O.D. — Stormtroopers of Death — was a revelation. Not only do the songs crunch and roar at amazing speeds — thanks to guitarist Scott Ian, drummer Charlie Benante of Anthrax and Nuclear Assault bassist Dan Lilker — but Billy Milano's lyrics are designed to be as offensive and "shocking" as possible, which means teenagers think they're the most awesome things ever, perfect for repeating to friends over and over. Seriously, 1985's "Speak English or Die" featured the xenophobic title track, the pro-suicide "Kill Yourself," several songs whose titles can't be printed here, and "The Ballad of Jimi Hendrix," which consists of the first riff of "Purple Haze" followed by the refrain "You're dead!" Once Ian, Benante and Lilker went back to their primary bands, former Anthrax roadie Milano formed a new group called M.O.D. — Method of Destruction — which featured similarly blazing music and juvenile lyrics. (Download "Spandex Enormity," "Bubble Butt" or "Imported Society" from the band's 1989 debut, "U.S.A. for M.O.D." for a taste, but they're NSFW if you don't have headphones. Sadly, no old songs are on the group's MySpace page.) M.O.D. and a reformed S.O.D. have toured on and off for years, but M.O.D. has a new album out, the over-the-top and pretty serious "Red, White and Screwed," and the band is promising a mix of new cuts, older favorites and vintage S.O.D. classics at the **VELVET LOUNGE**.

SATURDAY

A lot of us O.G. hip-hop fans haven't listened to a full Ice Cube album since 1993's "Lethal Injection," but we know the real Cube and his trademark scowl have to be lurking around somewhere underneath that successful businessman exterior. We understand that family life and a cushy career can take the edge off of the anger that fueled "Death Certificate" and "AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted." O'Shea "Ice Cube" Jackson has said in multiple interviews that despite his multiple income streams, music remains his favored creative outlet. The tricky part is, what half of Ice Cube can still work in the 21st century: the crude yet lyrically adept gangster or the antiestablishment hood rebel? For his upcoming release "Raw Footage," Cube seems to be sticking to the first path. The kids might take to the modern-sounding club beats, but let's hope that he rocks the important records like "Jackin' for Beats," "Wicked" and "Check Yo' Self" at **AVENUE** tonight.

We always tell people who are on the fence about live comedy to just take the plunge and go. This week it's easy, as dccomedyfest is all over the city. So, pick something that looks interesting and give it a shot. If you're still on the fence, let us recommend the Ruckus showcase tonight at **SIXTH AND I HISTORIC SYNAGOGUE**. It's headlined by J.B. Smoove, who was almost single-handedly responsible for the Season 6 resurrection of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" after a couple down years. As Leon, the brother of a displaced hurricane victim living with Larry David, he stole just about every scene in which he appeared. We have no idea what this show will consist of, but we bet it's a riot.

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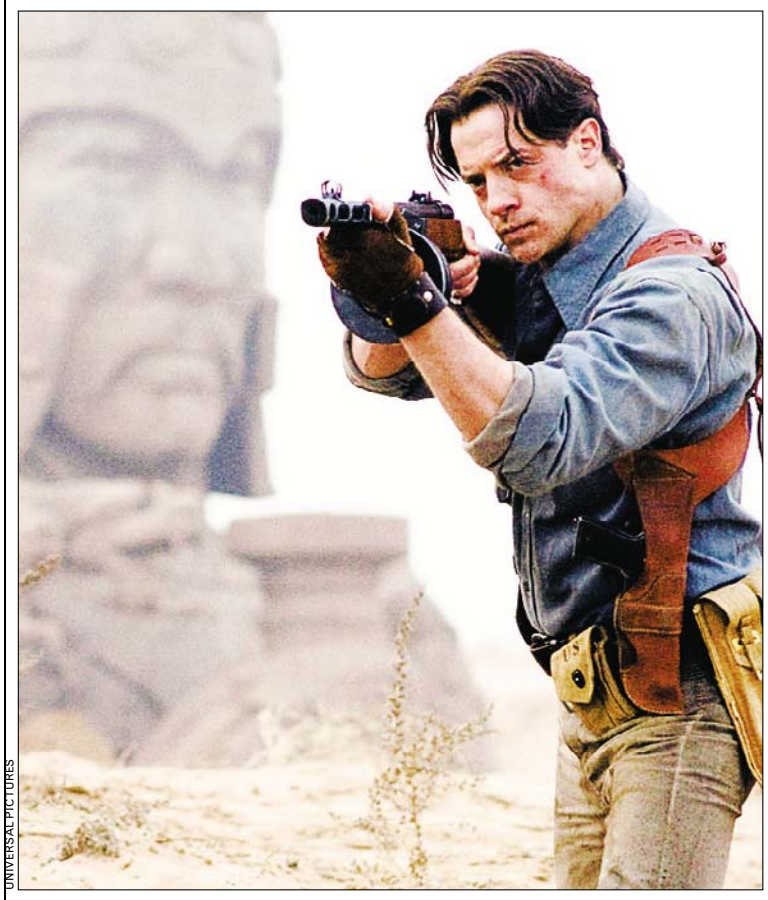

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SO MANY TERRA-COTTA TARGETS! Brendan Fraser takes aim in "The Mummy."

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AMERICAN TEEN (PG-13, 101 minutes) What makes stereotypes and archetypes so revelatory and dangerously reductive is how closely they reflect — yet also distort — the truth about who we are. That's the provocative, intriguing conundrum at the heart of this close-to-the-bone documentary that shows how easily a group of Indiana high-schoolers fall into those categories. How we ache for Hannah Bailey, the driven "rebel" of the movie, who's determined to leave the conservative Christian town of Warsaw for the glory of Hollywood but spends most of her time suffering one romantic heartbreak after another. We are drawn into the sad matter of Jake Tusing, a self-described "geek" who seeks that one girl who'll respond to the beating heart behind all that acne and social ineptitude. But what makes Nanette Burstein's movie so powerful is its uncanny sense of familiarity. Watching them, we are transported into a humming, philosophical reverie about ourselves. (DT)

BRICK LANE (PG-13, 100 minutes) Set in the Bangladeshi immigrant community of London's East End known as Banglatown, the film is the story of Nazneen (Tannishtha Chatterjee), a young woman who seeks refuge from an unhappy arranged marriage in the arms of Karim (Christopher Simpson), a man much younger and hunkier than her portly, middle-aged husband, Chanu (Satish Kaushik). But this is ultimately Nazneen's story, not his. Karim is little more than a catalyst for changes that will take place within Nazneen's heart. What's more, her marriage to Chanu turns out not to be the loveless prison the movie initially leads us to believe it is. Things are more complicated than that, much to the film's credit. No, its message isn't that everyone gets a second crack at true love. Rather, it's this: Your happiness isn't something you look for in others, but in yourself. (MO)

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13, 135 minutes) This feature-length version of Evelyn Waugh's tale of homosexuality, class envy, God and redemption must highlight certain themes, de-emphasizing others for the sake of brevity. Director Julian Jarrold's take on the idea-rich novel has become a more narrowly focused story of a love triangle. At the apex stands Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode), a middle-class English atheist who becomes infatuated with the family of Sebastian Flyte (Ben Wishaw), an alcoholic, gay Catholic aristocrat who befriends Charles while the two are students at Oxford. In the other corner is Sebastian's sister Julia (Hayley Atwell), a morose beauty with whom Charles begins a doomed affair. Still hard-hitting

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and dense, it's a film whose ideal audience consists of younger viewers who haven't seen the TV series and who therefore have nothing to compare it to. (MO)

GET SMART (PG-13, 110 minutes) Based on the cult TV comedy hit of the '60s, the film is slick and smooth and ticks along primarily on the excellent chemistry between Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway in the famed Don Adams-Barbara Feldon roles as Agent 86 and his far-more-capable female partner, 99, in the employ of spy agency CONTROL. Dwayne Johnson has a nice turn as a good-natured uber-agent 23, who casually beats the stuffing out of everyone, then smiles broadly and says, "Let's go to lunch." Was there a plot? I can hardly remember. As I say: darned funny! Weightless as froth, forgettable as dew, but pretty darned funny. (SH)

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. Maggie Gyllenhaal as Batman's lost heart, Rebecca Dawes, is perhaps too ironic for the Batman world; with those perpetually knowing eyes suggesting that she always gets it, she doesn't really fit. (SH)

DISNEY

DUDE, I MATTER: Kevin Costner can't wrap his mind around the staggering responsibility of electoral politics in "Swing Vote."

HANCOCK (PG-13, 82 minutes) Will Smith plays a superhero assisted in the miraculous by cutting-edge special effects and by the specialest effect of them all, Charlize Theron. It begins with Hancock awaking on a park bench in Los Angeles, another grizzled, soused, unwashed member of that city's homeless. Then he shoots skyward like an Atlas headed for Moscow. Quickly he diverts to a law enforcement crisis, a running gunfight on the freeway. He saves the day with a drunk's finesse, and rather than being feted, he reconfirms that Angelenos have tired of his man-of-steel thing, so he quickly finds relief in alcohol and the nearest park bench. So what is a despised superhero to do? Hire a PR man (Jason Bateman). It's kind of amusing, but then the movie takes quite possibly the strangest turn in movie history. It changes course, tone, concern and story issue, and never recovers. (SH)

HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13, 110 minutes) Fans will be gratified by Guillermo del Toro's affectionate sequel to his film "Hellboy," in which he introduced the screen's most lovable anti-superhero, a giant the color of boiled lobster with Chiclet teeth and a really bad attitude. The great Ron Perlman is back as the cigar-smoking, chocolate-addicted lug, who again is joined in his exploits by his equally funny

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and flawed cohorts: the gentle, blue-gilled Abe Sapien and Liz Sherman (Selma Blair), now Hellboy's girlfriend and still prone to literally fiery outbursts. (AH)

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG, 92 minutes) The latest iteration of the Jules Verne classic uses modern cinematic technology with verve and ingenuity. College geologist Trevor Anderson (Brendan Fraser) and his 13-year-old nephew, Sean (Josh Hutcherson), find themselves on a trip to Iceland, where a volcano is showing unusual activity. With the help of a gorgeous mountain climber named Hannah (Anita Briem), they get to their desired destination, only to be shunted into an abandoned mine during a thunderstorm. From there, they're hurled farther downward until they reach the titular center of the Earth. The film is terrific family entertainment, an action comedy on par with "Night at the Museum" and "National Treasure." Granted, there are scenes of frightening peril. But any fear is quickly dispelled by the film's sense of humor, abetted by Fraser's warm, easy-going style. (AH)

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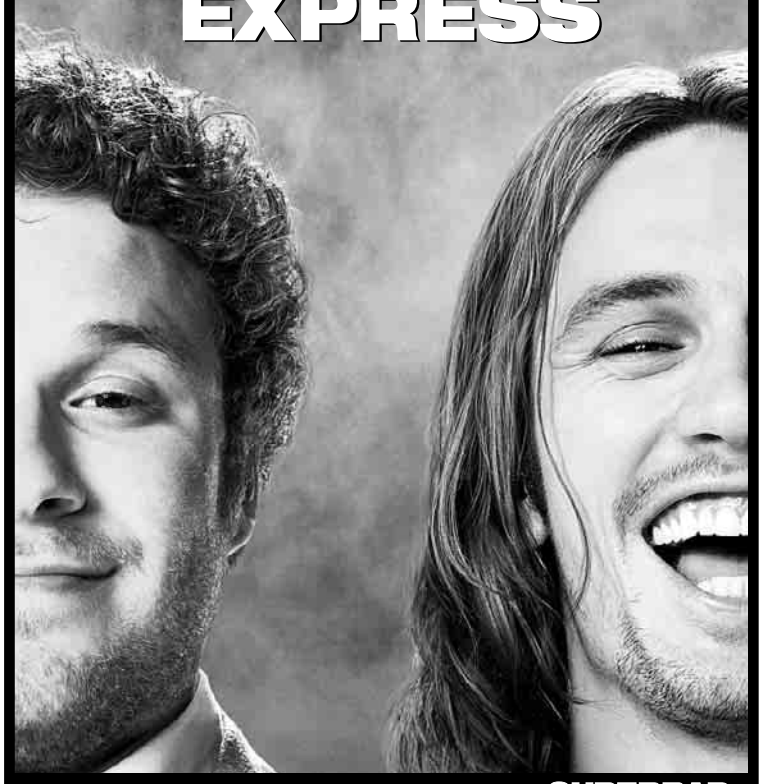

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Kittredges are solidly ensconced in their suburban home, secure and warm and full of love for one another. Perky 9-year-old Kit (Abigail Breslin) is trying to "break into print" at the downtown Cincinnati Register. We watch as the Depression erodes the sanctity of the Kittredges' middle-class security. (SH)

KUNG FU PANDA (PG, 90 minutes) At a brisk and appropriate 88 minutes, this computer-animated DreamWorks film is infectious and inspiring. Jack Black as panda Po and is the vocal embodiment of the lazy dreamer. Dustin Hoffman is terrific as martial arts master Shifu, who is alternately wise, worldly, irritated and mournful over the traitorous defection to the dark side of his once prize pupil Tai Lung (Ian McShane). To deflect Tai Lung's inevitable attempt to seize the legendary Dragon Scroll, Shifu has assembled the Furious Five: Tigress (Angelina Jolie), Crane (David Cross), Monkey (Jackie Chan!), Mantis (Seth Rogen) and Viper (Lucy Liu). There's not much for the supporting players to do; it is the "Po Show," the triumph of the adorable over the malevolent. As such, it is not a documentary. It is, however, a really good time. (JA)

MAMMA MIA! (PG-13, 103 minutes) The brassy, bawdy musical presents itself as a piece of clever counter-programming to this summer's surfeit of pounding, effects-driven comic-book movies. But filmgoers eager to sample its sunny, synth-pop pleasures are likely to feel just as bludgeoned, in this case, by an Abba-bomb wrapped in a huge turquoise-colored feather boa. That's not to say that fun isn't to be had; Meryl Streep plays Donna Sheridan, mother of Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), who is about to get married. Sophie has invited three men to the wedding, one of whom might be her biological father: Bill Anderson (Stellan Skarsgard), Sam Carmichael (Pierce Brosnan) and Harry Bright (Colin Firth). Streep is a wonderment, belting her way to another winning performance. (AH)

MONGOL (R, 124 minutes) A wallow in old movie pleasures, full of battles, flying dust, thousands of men on horseback, beautiful women, treachery, slaughter, really cool hats and even more slaughter. When the big-budget, cast-o'-thousands Russian epic begins, Temudjin (played by Japanese heartthrob Tadanobu Asano), as the man who would become Genghis Khan was once known, is a 9-year-old on his way to pick out a bride. Temudjin has seen Borte, and that's enough for him. So, that core of love, lust and touchy-feely is what drives "Mongol." Still, there's a lot of guy stuff. They ride, they fight, they ride some more, they fight some more. (SH)

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13, 113 minutes) Tiresome and messy, director Rob Cohen waters the film down to globs of plot, strung between shapeless action sequences and humorless repartee. Archaeologist/tomb-raider Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) and his adventurer-writer wife, Evelyn (Maria Bello), live in bored retirement in 1946 England. They're thrilled when the government asks them to deliver a priceless gem to a Shanghai museum. Meanwhile, their son, Alex (Luke Ford), has dropped out of college and gone on a dig in China, discovering the emperor's mummy

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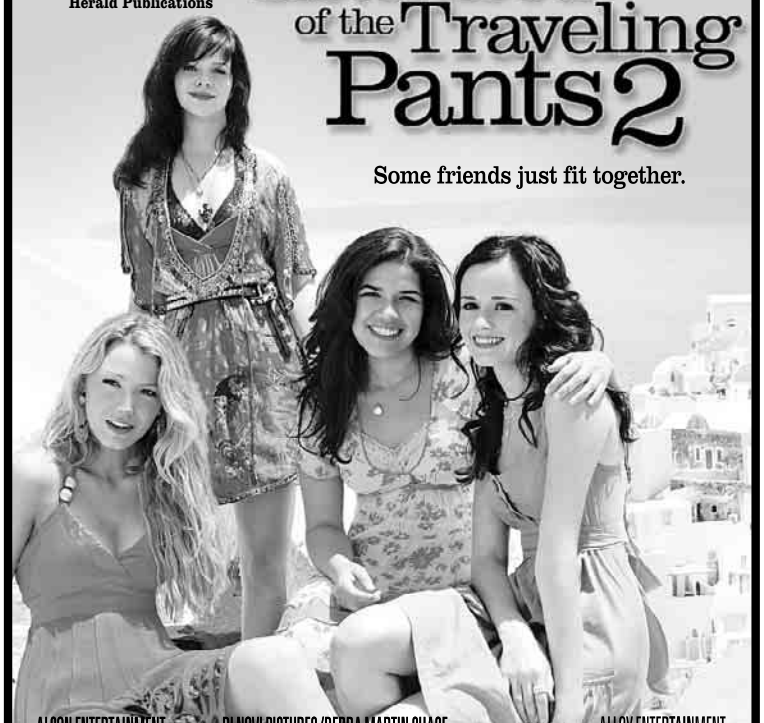

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SEX AND THE CITY (R, 136 minutes) With its unapologetic materialism, raunchiness and heroines who managed to be sympathetic even in the midst of almost pathological self-absorption, "Sex and the City" became one of the most successful guilty pleasures in the history of Sunday night TV. The movie version succeeds just as well, cramming what used to take a whole season into a nearly 261/27-hour marathon of men, misery and Manolos. Clearly made for the show's devoted fans, newcomers to the story might be puzzled at the movie's worship of Louis Vuitton purses and the silly women who carry them. But one of the movie's great pleasures is how the filmmakers embrace their characters' advancing ages while celebrating over-40 fabulosity. (AH)

SPACE CHIMPS (G, 81 minutes) It's not that there aren't moments of banana-peel-worthy levity in this chimpoverished Fox product (yes, it's very big on the ape puns). But in the evolution of this summer's animated comedies, "Chimps" is the missing link no one was looking for. Our hairy hero, Ham III (voice of Andy Samberg), is drafted into a PR-heavy government mission, in which a crew of space apes must track down a $5 billion intergalactic probe that has disappeared into a wormhole. (JA)

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Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale FIREPROOF (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1245 345) 700 945
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 100 230 400 515) 715 800 1000 1045
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (130 430) 745 1030
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (115 215 400 500) 645 745 930 1030
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 300 530) 815 1030
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 930 PM
OC & DA: DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1200) 630
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1215 230 445) 715
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1200 330) 630 915
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1230 100 315 345 415) 700 730 945 1015 1045
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (1215 245) 730
HANCOCK (PG-13) (515) 1000
WALL-E (G) (130 415) 645 915

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20
900 Ellsworth Dr, Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826

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Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1005 1240 320) 605 845
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1015 1115 105 210 355 455) 640 745 935 1035
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1055 1150 140 230 420 510) 700 750 940 1030
RW & DA: MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1000 1235 330) 615 900
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1030 1105 1140 110 150 235 400 435 520) 705 735 805 945 1020 1040
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1035 135 415) 715 1015
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1045 1145 125 225 405 505) 645 755 925 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (Stadium) 955 PM
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1125 215 445) 725
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 145 430) 710 1000
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1000 1050 1210 115 205 325 440 530) 610 650 800 850 930 1010
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1025 1245 315)
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1225 245 515) 740 1005
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1120 155 425) 655 920

ROYALE STADIUM 14
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Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1130 220 500) 750 1040
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1100 140 420) 715 1000
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1200 240 525) 810 1050
RW & DA: MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (200 450) 740 1015
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1150 310 545) 815 1045
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (110 410) 725 1010
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1140 210 505) 745 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (Stadium) 1055 PM
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1210 230 515) 735
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 150 430) 710 1005
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1220 120 330 440) 700 800 1020
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1240 300 510) 805 1035
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1120 130 400) 720 950
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) 755 1030
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1230 320 540)

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 568#

Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1100 140 420) 700 940
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 240 520) 800 1040
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1100 1150 130 230 410 510) 645 745 920 1020
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1130 210 450) 730 1010
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 515) 745 1010
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 730 1000
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1145 1240 315 400) 630 715 945 1030
HANCOCK (PG-13) 900 PM
WALL-E (G) (1100 130 400) 630

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale FIREPROOF (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 1215 215 300 500 545) 745 830 1030 1115
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1000 1230 115 345 430) 715 800 1030 1115
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1145 230 515) 745 1045
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1015 1115 1245 115 145 330 400 445) 600 645 745 830 930 1015 1105
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1130 145 400) 615 830
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1045 130 415) 730 1000
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1030 100 345) 615 845 1115
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1115 200 430) 700 1000
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1045 100 330) 630 845 1100
WALL-E (G) (1100 130 415) 715 945
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 1045 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
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Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 145 245 430 515) 715 800 1000 1045
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1130 200 415 500) 700 745 945 1030
OC & DA: THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (115) PM
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (130 445) 730 1015
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 230 515) 815 1045
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 915 PM
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1245 415) 645
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1245 345) 645 930
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1150 1240 315 400) 630 715 950 1030
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (1130 200 430) 700 945
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 800 1015
WALL-E (G) (1230 345) 630 915

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 150 405 445) 700 740 950 1035
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13) (1250 400) 710 1020
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 900 PM
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1100 1240 140 340 440) 630 730 920 1020
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1140 1220 100 310 350 430) 640 720 800 1010 1050
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (1200) PM
HANCOCK (PG-13) (230 500) 810 1040
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (120 415) 735 1005
WALL-E (G) (1240 330) 610 850
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (130 355) 630

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1100 150 440) 730 1020
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1110 120 200 410 450) 700 740 950 1030 1200
OC & DA: THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1250) PM
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1120 130 210 340 420 500) 630 710 750 920 1000 1040 1140
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1140 1220 100 310 350 430) 640 720 800 1010 1050 1130
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1240 400) 650 940
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 250 520) 820 1050
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 820 1100
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1130 215 455) 735 1015
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 810 1035
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (110 350) 620 850
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1105 125 340) 600
WALL-E (G) (1240 330) 610 900

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Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1030 110 400) 640 930
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1055 150 440) 730 1020
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1130 210 455) 800 1035
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1100 1150 1220 145 230 310 420 510) 625 700 750 920 955 1030
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1105 155 445) 740 1025
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1205 235 505) 735 1005
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (Stadium) 905 PM
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 140 415) 710 945
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1040 1120 1200 200 245 320 515) 615 720 845 935 1035
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1115 130 345) 605 1040
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1035 100 330) 610 850
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1125 135 340) 645
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1145 205 425) 650 910

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Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1200 100 300 350) 620 720 910 1010
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 125 210 415 500) 700 750 945 1030
OC & DA: THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1250) PM
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1130 135 220 340 425 510) 630 715 800 920 1000
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (110 405) 705 955
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 520) 755 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (120 345) 635 905
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1150 155 410) 615
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1240 140 330 435) 650 745 930 1020
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1145 1230 115 315 400 445) 645 730 815 1015
HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13) 855 PM
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1140 205 430) 655 915
KIT KITTREDGE: AMERICAN GIRL (G) (1210 230 450) 710 935
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1235 255 515) 740 1005
WALL-E (G) (1215 310) 625 850

FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Plz, Asburn, VA 703-957-1035

Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1150 225 505) 745 1020
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1155 235 525) 835
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1240 320) 655 930
RW & DA: MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (130 430) 715 1015
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1145 1230 230 345 515) 630 800 930
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1200 300) 730 1030
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 400) 700 955
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (Stadium) 940 PM
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1220 240 450) 710
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1210 310) 610 905
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1130 1215 145 245 330 500) 600 645 815 915 1000
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (120 350) 620 840
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1140 200 420) 640 920
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1245 315) 615 845

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 100 215 400 500) 650 745 945 1035
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13) (1255 405) 725 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (1125 205 445) 730 1010
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1140 210 440) 710 920
HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13) (1110 155 455) 740 1030
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1145 220 450) 715 940
KIT KITTREDGE: AMERICAN GIRL (G) (1135 200 430) 700 925
WALL-E (G) (1115 150 425) 705 935
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 340) 655 1015

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SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1015 130 415) 700 945
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1100 1145 200 245 445 530) 730 815 1015 1100
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) ★ (1130 1230 215 315 400 500) 600 645 745 845 1045
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1250 330) 630 915
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 230 515) 750 1020
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) 850 PM
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1110 145 430) 720 950
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1115 1200 1245 300 345) 615 715 930 1000 1030
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1000 1220 310) 610 840
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1120 210 510) 740 1010
WALL-E (G) (1240 320) 620

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(!)11:40, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00, 7:20, 7:40, 9:50, 10:10
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
(!)11:45, 3:00, 5:45, 6:15, 9:00, 9:30
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R)
(!)11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13)
(!)11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
HANCOCK (PG-13)
11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:45, 7:45, 10:05
SPACE CHIMPS (G)
12:00, 2:00, 3:55

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BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:05
AMERICAN TEEN (PG-13)
1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13)
2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50
TELL NO ONE (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
THE VISITOR (PG -13)
2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
BRICK LANE (PG-13)
2:10, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25

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4:10, 7:15, 9:35
STEP BROTHERS (R)
4:05, 7:05, 9:20
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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12:15, 1:15, 2:40, 3:35, 5:00, 5:55, 7:20, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
HANCOCK (PG-13)
12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:40, 10:35
STEP BROTHERS (R)
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20
HELLBOY II:
THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15
WANTED (R)
7:45, 10:10

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THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 9:55
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

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MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 8:00, 9:45
ENCOUNTERS AT THE END OF THE WORLD (G) 7:10, 9:15
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13)
10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50
BRICK LANE (PG-13)
10:10, 12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 7:50, 9:55
TELL NO ONE (NR)
9:45, 12:15, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
MAMMA MIA! (PG-13)
10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
WALL-E (G) 9:55, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30

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1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
TELL NO ONE (NR)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
BOY A (R)
1:15, 3:55, 7:10, 9:55
MAN ON WIRE (PG-13)
12:30, 3:00, 5:20,7:45, 10:05
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13)
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
HELL RIDE (R)
12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00
WACKNESS (R)
1:30, 3:40, 7:20, 10:00
AMERICAN TEEN (PG-13)
1:20, 3:50, 7:15, 9:40

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***THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13)**
11:55, 3:00, 6:40, 9:30
***PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R)**
11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
***SINGH IS KINNG (NR)**
12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
***THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13)**
11:40, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 10:05
STEP BROTHERS (R)
12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13)
12:00, 3:20, 6:25,9:40
MAMMA MIA! (PG-13)
7:40, 10:10
HANCOCK (PG-13)
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WALL-E (G)
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Television

LIKE 'THE WIRE' BUT DIFFERENT. KIND OF: David Simon, creator of "The Wire," is working on "Treme," a new pilot for HBO. It will be set in post-Katrina New Orleans and is set to star "Wire" alumni Wendell Pierce and Clarke Peters.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

AWWWWWWWWWWW

The clumsy and cute compete in the three-hour counterprogramming block **THE PUPPY GAMES 2008** (6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Fri., Animal Planet).

BIG RED HERO

Ron Perlman stars in the 2004 comic-book adaptation **HELLBOY** (8 p.m., Fri., Fox).

FRACTURED FAIRY TALES

The 10-hour 2000 miniseries **THE 10TH KINGDOM** (8 p.m., Fri., Ion), mixing modern Manhattan and fairy-tale legend, will air every Friday night for the next 10 weeks in hour-long installments.

VOLATILE REGION

NOW (8:30 p.m., Fri., PBS) looks at problems with Pakistan.

ANTI-ALIEN PROPAGANDA

Tom Cruise stars in director Steven Spielberg's 2005 adaptation of **WAR OF THE WORLDS** (8:30 p.m., Fri., ABC).

RUN FROM THE '70S

Bruce and Susan make a getaway on **SWINGTOWN** (10 p.m., Fri., CBS).

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GLASS CEILING: The boys club rules the world (or at least the office) in "Mad Men."

JACK BAUER IN PERSON

Kiefer Sutherland, Jim Gaffigan and Mason Jennings chat on **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (1:35 a.m., Sat., NBC).

GLENN CLOSE MARATHON

FX will air all 13 episodes of the first season of **DAMAGES** (7 a.m., Sat., FX).

MORE FREAKIN' ALIENS

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson star in the first 1998 adaptation of **THE X-FILES** (8 p.m., Sat., A&E). The sequel is out there, but, apparently, nobody cares.

FEROCIOUS CRITTERS

No good can come from releasing the critters from the **MONSTER ARK** (9 p.m., Sat., Sci Fi). Made in Bulgaria, this film was written and directed by Declan O'Brien, responsible for the scripts behind "Rock Monster," "Savage Planet" and "The Snake King."

CRACK IS WHACK

After a frightening overdose, a teen star (Joanna Levesque) goes undercover as a normal teenager with her offbeat aunt (Valerie Bertinelli) in the 2008 drama **TRUE CONFESSIONS OF A HOLLYWOOD STARLET** (9 p.m., Sat., Lifetime).

BITE-SIZE NEWS

Scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (7 p.m., Sun., CBS): Israel's air force; mental illness on death row; investor Carl Icahn.

ELECTION YEAR!

The candidates converge on Springfield on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Sun., Fox).

NOTHING VICIOUS

Friendly competition on **ALIENS IN AMERICA** (8:30 p.m., Sun., CW).

LOVE CYBORGS?

Viewers get four consecutive nights to reacquaint themselves with **TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNOR CHRONICLES** (9 p.m., Sun., Fox).

BRIT TV

Culture and class clash as "The Inspector Lynley Mysteries" returns to **MASTERPIECE MYSTERY!** (9 p.m., Sun., PBS) for two final episodes.

NBC

'SNOW WHITE, PART II': Camryn Manheim appears in "The 10th Kingdom."

BOX OFFICE POISON

The period piece **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., Sun., AMC) touches on real TV history when Harry Crane (Rich Sommer) tries to rise in the firm by finding sponsors for a controversial episode of the CBS legal drama "The Defenders" that other advertisers won't touch. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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2 Pride of The Rednecks

In her hit song "Redneck Woman," Gretchen Wilson claims she can drink beer all night, buy her lingerie from Wal-Mart and still look good in it, keep her Christmas lights up all year long AND keep it country. So, she can hang with the boys, she's thrifty, she's an avid decorator and she's a fan of the rural outdoors? Rednecks are the best! Come see one live this weekend. K.E.

➜ *Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Sat., 8 p.m., $25-$42; 877-965-3872.*

3 And What Alice Found

David Lindsay-Abaire's "Rabbit Hole," one of the best plays of the last few years — it won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 2007 — is also a tear-jerker. It's the story of a couple dealing with the death of a child, and although the playwright has a candid and funny voice, this is one wrenching night of theater. So, be prepared for that. The production at Olney Theatre Center is the play's D.C. premiere. F.Z.

➜ *Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun, 2:30 p.m. through Aug. 31, $25-$48; 301-924-3400.*

top stops WEEKEND

4 Don't Call Me Shirley

You know how "Epic Movie" is the antithesis of entertaining? Well, parody movies like that actually started out funny. "Airplane!" is the story of a commercial airline trip in which an epidemic of food poisoning forces an ex-Army pilot to take matters into his own hands. Too bad about his drinking problem. F.Z.

➜ *Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; Sun., free; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor)*

5 Everyone Loves Italian Art Films

In most movies — well, in "The Dark Knight," which is so awesome that it erases the memory of all other movies — when the writer introduces a mystery, he'll resolve it. Or at least try to resolve it. In "L'Avventura," the 1960 masterpiece by Michelangelo Antonioni, there's a mystery all right, but then everyone just stops caring. F.Z.

➜ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., 4:30 p.m., free; 202-737-4215. (Federal Triangle)*

1 The Thrill Is Still Here

"Rolling Stone" considers itself an authority on all things music-related, and so it authoritatively made its list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time. At No. 1 is Jimi Hendrix. Fair enough. No. 2 is Duane Allman, and lucky No. 3 is our man B.B. King. I dig King not only because he's highly ranked, but also because of his youthful outlook. At almost 83 years old, he still tours year round, spreading the bluesy love. K.E.

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B.B. King plays his signature blues at Wolf Trap on Sunday.

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Savor All Those Discounted Flavors

THE EAGERLY AWAITED, twice-annual Restaurant Week is here at last (Aug. 11-17), and excitement is palpable despite the fact that dinner has been bumped from $30 to $35 (lunch is still $20). With seemingly infinite choices, here are a few suggestions that should satisfy the yens of any brand of diner.

CEIBA: This oasis of upscale Latin cuisine never skimps during Restaurant Week. Look for the yellow tomato gazpacho, pictured above, and the whole red snapper.

RASIKA: D.C. has shown a lot of love for the Indian-with-a-twist eatery, so if it's tough to get a dinner reservation, try for lunch. The homemade chutneys and the seafood dishes come highly recommended.

CHARLIE PALMER: Try someplace you like that's on the pricier side to get the most bang for your $35. At CP Steak, gorge on aged angus beef and fresh, seared scallops.

KAZ SUSHI BISTRO: This is the best sushi in D.C., so its Restaurant Week menu is exciting — your choice of several rolls and a tasting lineup that includes Kobe beef and scallop ceviche.

PS7'S: Restaurant Week is often a time for showy food that sounds more interesting than it tastes, but PS7's spread is bursting with classic comforts from turkey to beignets.

MIE N YU: The food at this upscale Silk Road-themed eatery bursts with flavor — look for the miso duck breast and the lamb kabobs.

➜ *For info on these and other participating restaurants, or to make reservations, visit washington.org|restaurantwk.*

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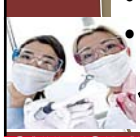

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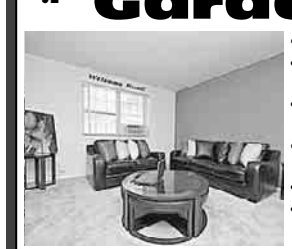

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Technology

Dog Meet Dog

A Va.-based social networking Web site connects pet owners

Cici confesses on her Web page that she likes to greet everyone by licking their feet. Dolce admits to being a mama's boy. And Jake and Tycho posted a video that chronicles their adventures of rolling around on their backs.

It's not on Facebook or MySpace, but the canine equivalent — Doggyspace.com.

A crossbreed between MySpace and YouTube, Doggyspace allows dog owners from all over the world to create profiles, and share photos and videos of their pups.

The Virginia-based Web site is part of a growing trend of niche social networking sites that target interest groups looking to connect with like-minded people.

"It's not so much social networking, it's having a social experience around things that we care about, so pets are just such a great example of that," said Fred Stutzman, an Internet researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

> "It's been a goofy thing to do at the end of the day when you ... just want to talk to somebody in your dog's voice."
>
> **CONNIE MANDROZOS,** DOGGYSPACE.COM USER

Stutzman said many people are using more general social networking sites but also signing up for sites like Doggyspace that offer a more focused experience that can provide help and support on specific issues and go beyond traditional message boards.

"Social networks like Facebook and MySpace are sort of about you and your friends and these very direct connections, but there's all sorts of other types of connections," Stutzman said.

Since launching in mid-July, Doggyspace has logged more than 700 registered, active user profiles — 73 percent of them created by females, said Levi Thornton, founder of the site and president of web development firm Mad Frog Productions in Fredericksburg, Va. He projects that Doggyspace will have more than 2 million accounts by the end of the year.

"There's a lot of people out there with their dogs and we're busy and we're all working in the office all day long, and this is a way for us to bring our pets with us," said Thornton, who has a Yorkie named Nokie and a pit bull named Ein.

Standard accounts for the site are free, but later this year Doggyspace plans to offer premium accounts for a small fee that will give users extra features. A portion of that fee will go to an animal charity of the members' choice.

Thornton, 30, said the site is a place for pet owners to share stories or learn about a specific breed. It can also help people form friendships based on a love of dogs.

Connie Mandrozos found the site while searching for information for her 12-year-old golden retriever, Boomer, who has cancer. She received an outpouring of support from other owners with similar experiences.

Mandrozos, 36, ended up spending more time on the site, creating profiles for Boomer as well as his "sisters" — a pit bull mix named Darla and another mixed breed named Violet.

"It's been a goofy thing to do at the end of the day when you get home from work and you just want to talk to somebody in your dog's voice and say, 'Hey, how was your day? Woof,'" said Mandrozos, who lives in Bridgeport, Conn., and sometimes uses her dogs in her job as a behaviorist.

Most of the Doggyspace profiles include messages from other doggy "friends."

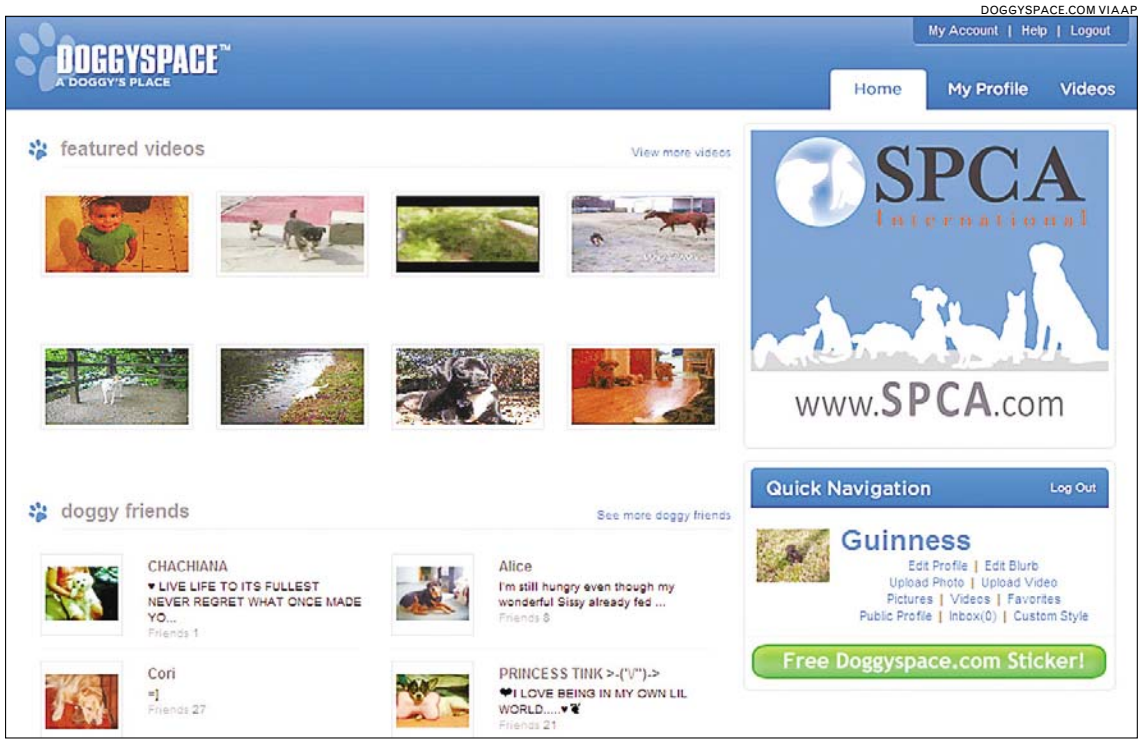
One profile is for a chocolate Labrador retriever named Guinness, who said her mom "couldn't resist naming me after her favorite beverage" and said she is shy around other dogs and scared of small, furry creatures because she lives with a "VERY MEAN CAT."

Dominique Cecchetti, a 20-year-old student from Pittsburgh, created a profile to share photos of her 12-year-old Maltese named Darren, who has more than 125 friends on the site.

For Cecchetti and other users, the site is very much a dog and owner effort: "My dog sits near the computer while I do the work for him," Cecchetti said in an e-mail.

MICHAEL FELBERBAUM (AP)

DOGGYSPACE.COM VIA AP



FURRY FRIENDS: The Web site Doggyspace.com is a crossbreed of MySpace and YouTube, and looks like Facebook.

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Doggyspace, a social networking site for dogs and their owners, launched in July.

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Discussions

1960 Olympics

Author **DAVID MARANISS** was online Thursday to discuss his book, "Rome 1960," a look at the 1960 Summer Olympics, which were marked by television cameras, Cold War tensions, the emergence of Cassius Clay and questions about civil rights.

There have been a lot of complaints, including some in the Post, that having the games in China is the last straw in selling out its original values. Do you agree, or were those values already being compromised in 1960?

The Olympics has never fully lived up to the Olympic ideal and probably never will. I don't think China is the ideal spot for the Olympics, largely because of its horrendous pollution problems. The human rights record of modern China is unacceptable, but that in itself is no reason to keep it from holding the Olympics, in my opinion. The hope, always, is that having the entire world watching China will be at least a small step in opening up the culture. Perhaps that is a naive belief, but it is no more naive than thinking China will go away or change any faster if the world shuns it.

Isn't the title of your book a bit of an exaggeration? Many would argue that the Olympics did not change the world.

The title of the book is "Rome 1960." The subtitle of the book is, "The Olympics that Changed the World." I did not write the book with that argument in mind. I wrote the book to focus on a time of transformation, when the whole world was on the same stage at the same time, for 18 days, and one could see the modern world coming into view, for better and worse. These were the first commercially televised Olympics; the first doping scandal happened in Rome; the first athlete paid for wearing a certain brand of shoes was in Rome. Rome saw the first black to carry the U.S. flag. Rome saw the first black African to win a gold medal. Rome saw women competing in more events than ever before. Whether the Olympics changed the world is debatable either way. I don't write books to make polemical points. I have to take responsibility for the subtitle, but it was not mine, nor was it the reason I wrote the book.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Leadership coach Marshall Goldsmith will be online to discuss effective business leadership at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

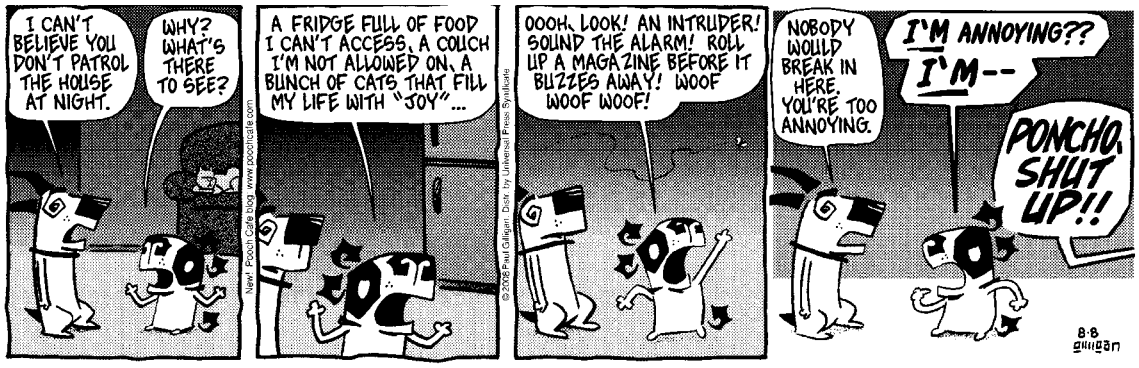
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

Drama class

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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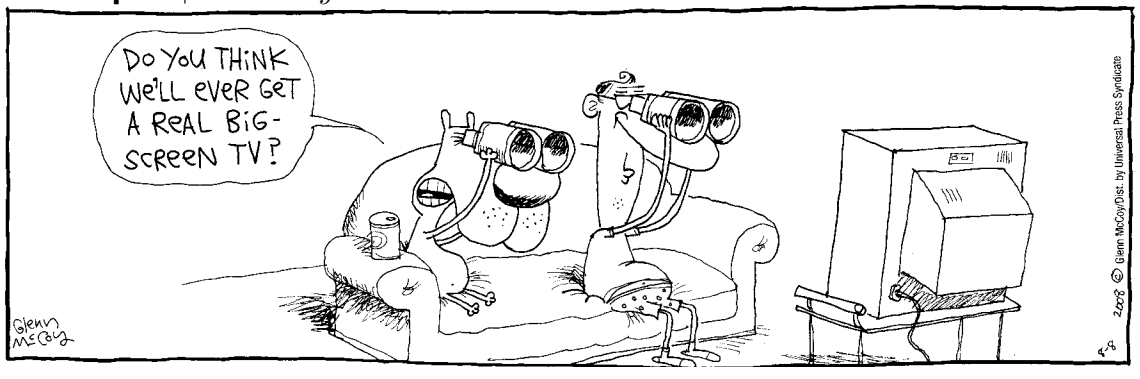

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be frank and honest with those you meet, and your outgoing nature will be met by others who can equal you in your willingness to socialize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're generous, sociable and eager to please, but when someone does not give you the gratitude you are after, you may shut down temporarily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a good day to focus on long-term intentions. Greater understanding results from communication of all kinds. Keep talking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What seems to be fleeting may quickly become permanent. You won't be able to count on expected developments to transpire as expected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find that your fuse is too short for you to become involved in a family dispute at this time. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not get off to the best of starts, but someone working with you provides the encouragement you need to get back on track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You needn't try to be colorful and vibrant, for you are likely to be so by virtue of your natural rhythmic cycle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're entertaining more lofty questions and will want eventually to get to the bottom of a particularly foggy spiritual mystery.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is important that you find a new creative outlet as soon as possible — or several valuable ideas may fall from the vine unripe and useless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you find yourself waking up on the moody side of the bed, you may want to do others the favor of letting them know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to pitch in and lend a friend or stranger a helping hand. There is much to be accomplished and much to be learned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can't afford to turn your back on those who come to you for assistance, as you may well need assistance yourself before you know it.

AP

President Nixon announced on this day in 1974 he would resign. He left office Aug. 9.

Today in History

1942 Six convicted Nazi saboteurs who'd landed in the United State are executed in Washington, D.C.; two others are spared.

1963 Britain's "Great Train Robbery" takes place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

1973 Vice President Spiro T. Agnew brands as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland and vowed not to resign — which he ended up doing.

1974 President Nixon announces he will resign following damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

2003 The Boston Roman Catholic archdiocese offers $55 million to settle lawsuits stemming from sex abuse by priests. (The archdiocese later settled for $85 million.)

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Look out | People

AP

The collector has lots of Elvises. Elvi?

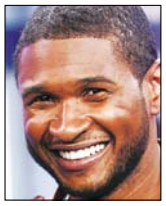
GRAMMAR

Seller's Poor Phrasing Suggests Multiple Elvises

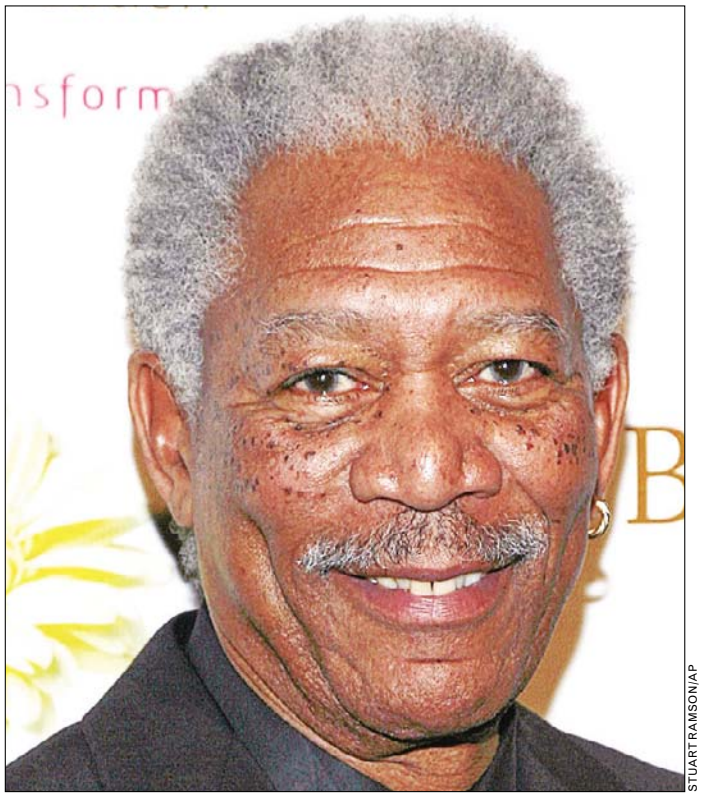
ELVIS PRESLEY's favorite performance costume, the peacock jumpsuit, sold for $300,000 Thursday, making it the most expensive piece of Elvis memorabilia sold at auction. The auctioneer described the seller as "a big Elvis collector" and declined to say who bought it. (AP)

PUNS

To Womb It May Concern



USHER's mother is back as his manager following a much-publicized split. He has ended his partnership with celebrity manager Benny Medina. Jonnetta Patton had managed her son's career since he was a teen star. (AP)



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RECUPERATING

Freeman Unbound

MORGAN FREEMAN was discharged Thursday from a Tennessee hospital after he was treated for broken bones and other injuries sustained in a weekend car crash in Mississippi. "Access Hollywood" reported Wednesday that the actor's lawyer said Freeman and his wife of 24 years, Myrna Colley-Lee, had been separated since December and are getting a divorce. (AP)

SAFETY

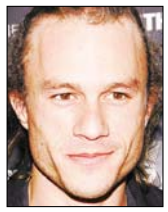
Giant Gravity Bubble Created Around Baby

NICOLE KIDMAN appealed to the Sydney media on Thursday for "space" as she travels around Sydney with her new baby. Kidman and husband Keith Urban arrived Wednesday with their daughter, Sunday Rose. "Keith and I are both appealing to the press ... just to give us a little space so we can walk around Sydney and show the baby our town," Kidman said. She said she understood the media interest in the child, "but at the same time, it's our little girl," Kidman said. (AP)

But gravity bubbles won't exist until 2032!

INVESTIGATIONS

Ledger Case Left Alone

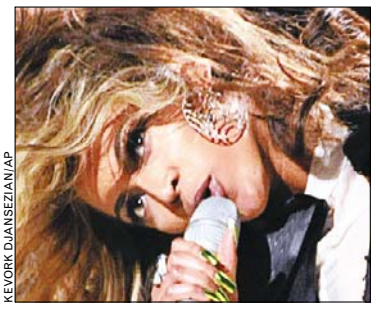


Federal prosecutors have decided not to pursue a criminal case into how **HEATH LEDGER** obtained the powerful painkillers that contributed to his overdose death. Prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan had been overseeing a DEA probe into whether the painkillers found in Ledger's system were obtained illegally. But the prosecutors bowed out "because they don't believe there's a viable target," said an official. (AP)

BATTLES

The Hair Color's Fake, But That's a Non-Issue

L'Oréal is denying it lightened **BEYONCE**'s skin tone in an ad. "We highly value our relationship with Ms. Knowles. It is categorically untrue that L'Oréal Paris altered Ms. Knowles' features or skin tone in the campaign for Feria hair color," the company said. (AP)



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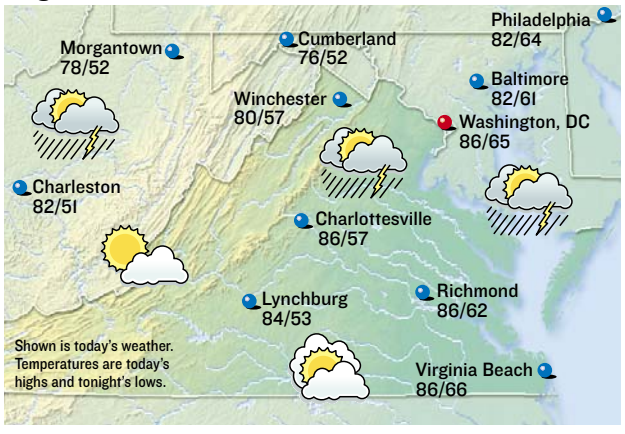
The microphone is also not real.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Some sun, a p.m. thunderstorm	Partly cloudy	Times of clouds and sun	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Partly sunny	Some sun
86°	65°	83° / 65°	85° / 68°	87° / 69°	87° / 71°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	87°
Low	72°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	53%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.13"
Month to date	0.36"
Normal month to date	0.77"
Year to date	32.68"
Last year to date	17.88"
Normal year to date	23.70"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

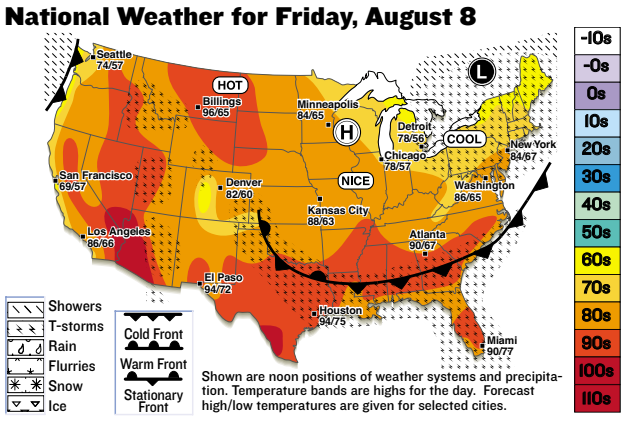
D.C. Metro: Today, partly cloudy, a thunderstorm. High 86. Wind northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Wind north-northwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:16 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:58 p.m.
Moonset today	11:41 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 8	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30

National Weather for Friday, August 8



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/67/pc	86/65/pc
Boston	77/63/t	79/62/pc
Chicago	78/57/s	80/60/pc
Dallas	96/75/t	92/75/t
Denver	82/60/t	89/61/t
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/s
Los Angeles	86/66/pc	84/66/pc
Miami	90/77/t	90/76/t
New York City	84/67/t	80/68/pc
Orlando	92/74/t	89/73/t
Seattle	74/57/pc	67/54/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	70/54/sh	68/57/pc
Athens	91/75/s	90/74/s
Berlin	76/57/r	68/55/pc
Buenos Aires	57/43/s	63/46/pc
Calgary	86/58/pc	83/55/pc
Dublin	64/55/pc	68/54/r
Geneva	75/52/sh	73/55/pc
Moscow	66/54/pc	75/59/s
Rome	86/64/pc	85/63/pc
Sydney	61/45/sh	63/43/s
Tokyo	93/82/s	91/81/pc

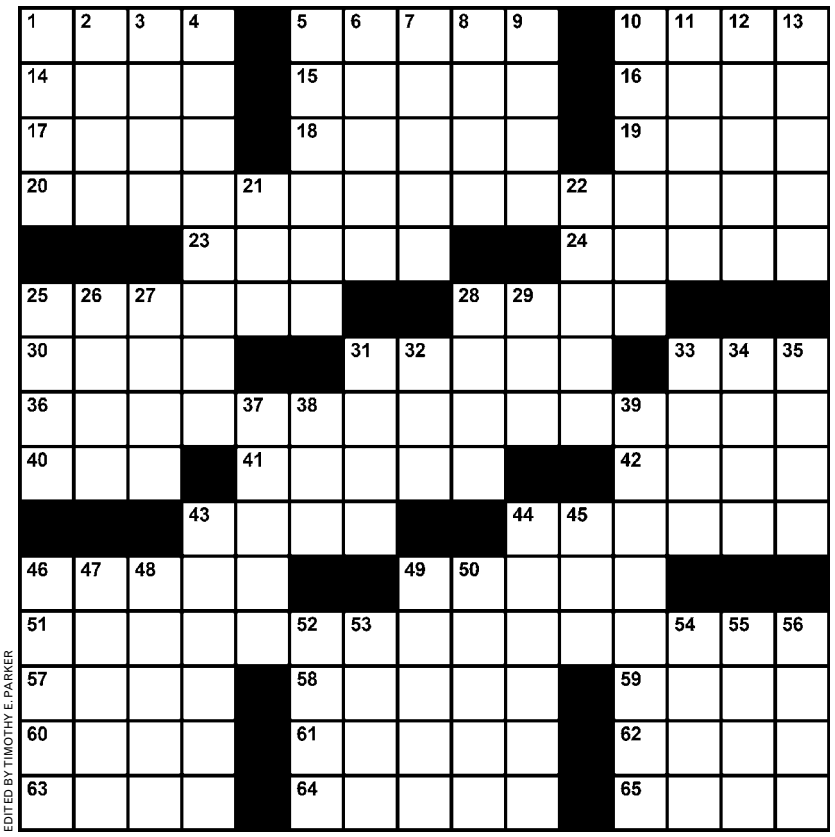
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | UNENDING SOLVING

ACROSS
1 Club alternatives
5 Almost boil
10 Woofer output
14 A drop in the bucket, perhaps
15 A bit more than a walk-on
16 Mr. Kazan
17 Nonsupporter
18 "Come ___?"
19 Patronize Alamo
20 What little boys seem to have
23 Add vinaigrette to
24 In search of
25 Correctional institutions, slangily
28 Formal treaty
30 Nautically sheltered
31 Bouillabaisse base
33 Bro's foe, at times
36 Inventor's impossible goal
40 Primogeniture beneficiary
41 Coalesce
42 Digging, so to speak
43 Umpteen
44 City on the Vistula River
46 Arm bones
49 Back of the book?
51 1978 Andy Gibb hit (with "An")
57 Series of engagements
58 Undercover item
59 "... deliver us from ___"
60 "Copacabana" antagonist
61 "It follows that ..."
62 ___ serif (plain type style)
63 River dividing Germany and Poland
64 Banana oil, for one
65 Acerbic fruit

DOWN
1 Be loose-lipped
2 Funnyman Jay
3 Russian pop duo
4 Like beauty, so they say
5 What boxers are on before fights
6 Pound divisions
7 Gather for oneself
8 "Aloha" accompaniments
9 Cooked through
10 Grief-stricken
11 Red state?
12 Barely burn
13 Sylvan dweller of mythology
21 Alcohol-free
22 Acapulco appetizer
25 Semisolid foods
26 Topping in a tub
27 Jerome who composed "Show Boat"
28 Ukrainian's neighbor
29 Place for a night deposit
31 Hide, dog-style
32 Second-rate newspaper
33 Becomes eligible for repentance
34 Tiniest shred
35 Angel-making stuff
37 Letters that can arrive at any time
38 One of a score's two
39 Indefatigable
43 "Snow White" fairness judge
44 Postwar chill (with "nuclear")
45 Film director Lee
46 "It's b-a-a-c-k!" fashion
47 Circumvent
48 Ace plus one
49 Artery implant
50 Gun, in police dramas
52 "A Hard Road to Glory" athlete-author
53 Prinze Jr. film "___ All That"
54 Shaped like a face
55 Italian wine
56 "If all ___ fails ..."



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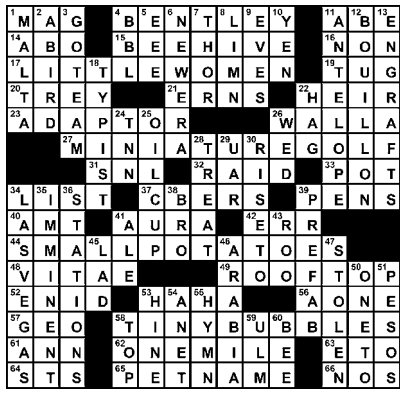
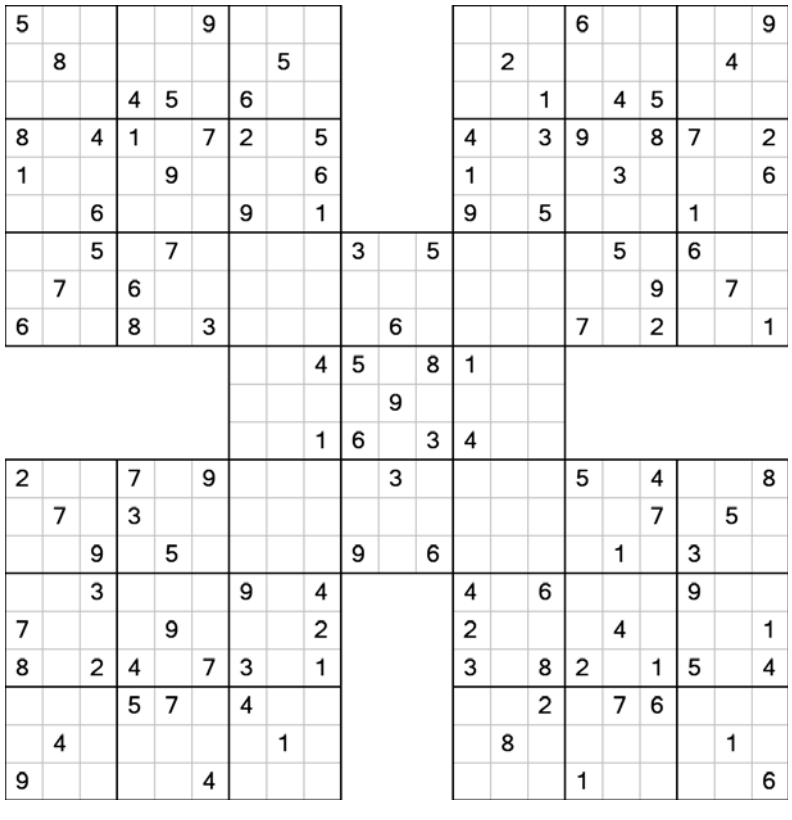


SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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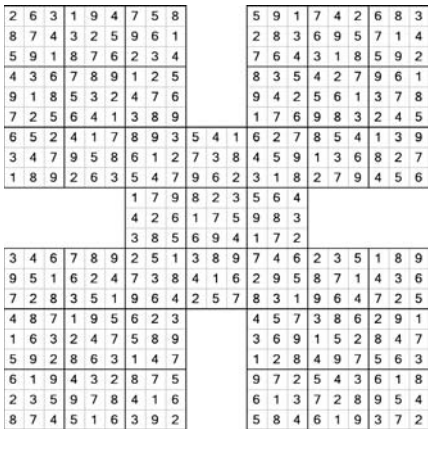
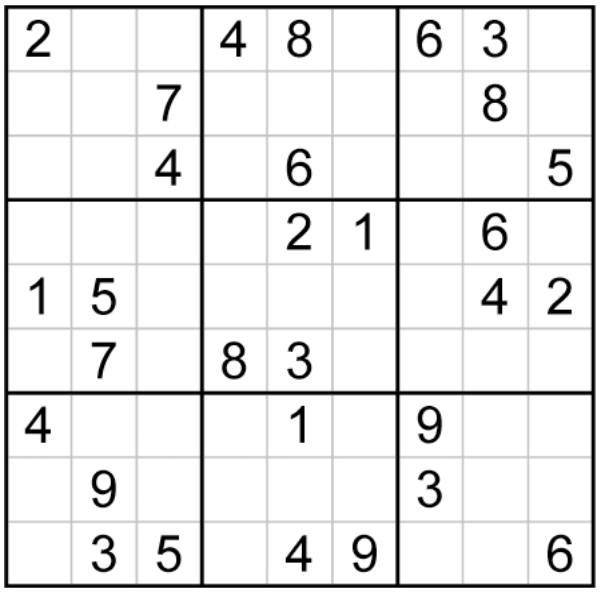


CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Yesterday's Solution

8	2	6	3	7	4	1	5	9
5	9	7	6	1	2	3	8	4
4	1	3	5	8	9	6	2	7
7	3	2	9	6	5	4	1	8
1	6	5	2	4	8	7	9	3
9	8	4	7	3	1	5	6	2
6	5	8	4	2	7	9	3	1
2	7	9	1	5	3	8	4	6
3	4	1	8	9	6	2	7	5

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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The Department of Homeland Security invites you to its E-Verify Informational Seminar – a half-day information session. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the E-Verify program and its proper use. A live demonstration of the E-Verify system and a question and answer segment will allow participants to receive a full understanding of the program and key features.

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Who should attend?

Employers, business owners, human resource specialists, payroll administrators and others who want to learn more about E-Verify.

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face Q+A time

Green-living guru Danny Seo shares a birthday with Earth Day and was touting sustainable practices before anyone drove a Prius or boycotted Chilean sea bass. He shares his tips in books, magazines and TV shows, and at Dannyseo.typepad.com. Now he's ventured into a neglected area of the green home-decor market: mattresses.

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Danny Seo

GREEN GURU, MATTRESS EVANGELIST

How did the Danny Seo mattress come about?
A lot of organic mattresses you can only order online or through a catalog and are hard to return if you don't like them. The mattress is made from a natural latex material, there's a soy-based foam underneath, and the wood frame comes from managed and certified forests. Even the metal used is 80 percent recycled. The fabric covering the whole mattress is biodegradable Tencel. And you can test-drive it at any JCPenney.

Your blog chronicles your recent move to a house in Bucks County, Pa. What sort of renovations have you been up to?
It's a glass house in the woods, built 40 years ago. I installed energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, low-flow shower heads, and dual-flush toilets. I used wood floors with recycled content.

How did you do it up?
I'd describe my decorating style as "curated." I like a look that cannot be duplicated in a catalog, that can only be created over time. I'll shop lots of junk stores, antique shops and flea markets. It's sort of the oldest way of going green.

Any favorite sources for green furniture or clothes?
Goodwill stores are great. In D.C., I used to shop at Secondi in Dupont Circle. With furniture, think locally. Buying an antique dresser online and having it shipped across the country isn't very green.

Any other areas of the home-decor market that could use greening?
Packaging. I understand that products need to be wrapped to protect them. But I bought new pendant lights, and they came packaged in an unbelievable amount of Styrofoam, cardboard and plastic.

What's your non-green weakness?
I rent SUVs all the time to move props, boxes and furniture around for photo shoots. A lot of times I have to overnight-ship a lot of heavy packages. To offset, I'll plant an orchard or something like that.

Any tips for greening that backyard barbecue party?
Use dryer lint as a fire starter. To skewer corn on the cob, use twigs from the yard. Fill a birdbath with ice and cool the wine, beer and water there. I like to use things that are already outside, so nothing has to be transferred in and out. And try to serve just enough food, since food waste is an enormous problem with picnics.

> "I like a look that cannot be duplicated in a catalog, that can only be created over time."

You used to live in D.C., and your family still lives in the area. Any spots dear to your heart?
My brother-in-law owns several Five Guys burger restaurants, so I go there a lot. But I'm a vegetarian, so I have fries and a veggie grilled cheese with all the fixings. Good Wood on U Street is a really great store for vintage wood furniture. I still have pieces in my house that I bought there 10 years ago, like a church podium. AMY ALIPIO

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1 Some Like It Hot

EVEN IF IT'S 90 F outside, D.C. offices tend to be igloos, so it's not so crazy to be thinking about hot chocolate. Particularly if it's Taza's Mexicano line ($3.95 per disc, Tazachocolate.com). The rounds of cacao beans, cane sugar and almond, vanilla or cinnamon (depending on the flavor) need to be grated and whisked, but getting that subtly sweet liquid in your mug is worth it.

3 Face Your Fresh Self

KORRES POMEGRANATE Cleansing and Demakeup Wipes ($12 for 25, Sephora) are refreshing and effective, and smell nothing like pomegranate. They smell — and we mean this in a really good way — vaguely like cigarettes, when you're just smelling the tobacco, not the smoke. And they have a vaguely fruity aroma in there, too. Regardless, they strip off mascara, dirt and oil, even making face-washing unnecessary if you're in a hurry or are just really lazy.

Grab Bag

4 Mind the Map

UNFURLING A MAP usually signals that you're tourist. But unfurling a Mappetite ($14, Mappetite.com) announces to the world, "I'm hungry." The cartographic concept starts off pretty standard: Here's a city (either New York or London) with streets, neighborhoods and landmarks highlighted. But then flip out the interior panels, and you get a peek at nearby steak houses, taco carts, gastropubs and organic bakeries. It's a tad unwieldy to manage without a table — but, of course, you'll find one soon.

5 Sweater Set Up

MODELS WEARING COZY Alpaca knits, chic print dresses and tough leather belts swan around Mexican missions and rocky arroyos in the Peruvian Collection's catalogs. There's a similar, way-south-of-the-border feel to the funky clothier's new Penn Quarter outpost (950 F St. NW; 202-737-4407), where weathered wood furniture and antique wallpaper sets the scene for snuggly sweaters (shown, $132) and rich-hued dresses plus a few styles for the hombres.

2 Shanghai Expression

INCENSE HAS its uses — if you're a monk or someone who reads "Eat, Pray, Love" over and over again, for example. The Chinese metal pots ($38-$145; $75 as shown) currently at Dragonfly Design Decor (1457 Church St. NW; 202-265-3359) certainly could be used to burn cones of patchouli-scented stuff. But we prefer the three-legged, creature-covered babies filled with houseplants or a handful of river stones. Or, put candles in them during an Olympics-watching bash.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I have a 10-year-old granddaughter who is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and wears a size 10.5- or 11-wide shoe. Have any ideas of what we can put on her feet other than sneakers and hiking boots? It would be nice to be able to dress her up. — ROBIN

■ Manolo says, ayyyy! What are they putting in the milk these days? Everywhere the Manolo looks there are giant childrens: middle-schoolers who tower over their parents, grade-schoolers who look like all-

in wrestlers and pre-schoolers who can kick-start their own Harleys. It is the epidemic of the over-nourished!

The Manolo is still of the same opinion as always: that children, regardless of their size, should be treated like children. The 10-year-old girl with the body of the 20-year-old Gabrielle Reece is still the 10-year-old and should be dressed appropriately to her age.

Happily, this year, the cute and girlish flats and skimmers have been in style, and the big-boned grade-school girl can find the shoes that are dressy and yet not trashy in that annoyingly precocious Bratz way. Look, here is the Suzy, the dressy blue suede skimmer from the Type Z ($95, Zappos.com), available in the size 11W.

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ON THE COVER

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The Guest Stop

Turn your pad into a hip hotel with a Murphy bed or futon

Having overnight guests of the non-romantic sort can make your home feel as crowded as the nursery chez Brad and Angelina. And when you don't live in a swanky French chateau or mod Hollywood mansion, finding a place to accommodate Cousin Jed or your college roommate can be as difficult as remembering the names of all the Jolie-Pitt kids.

So, when company's coming — and they want to stay over — what can you do, short of steering them toward the couch with a blanket and teddy bear? Even if outfitting a posh guest room isn't feasible, you have options besides packing your friends and family off to the Motel 6.

"There are three things you should think about when looking to convert or to utilize space in a small apartment for guest quarters," says James Grayson Trulove, author of "25 Apartments & Lofts Under 1,000 Square Feet." ($40, Collins Design) "The first is to create an illusion of privacy. The second is to let furniture do double duty. And the third is to find hidden bedrooms where you didn't know they existed."

Folding screens, dividers or even bookcases can help give guests privacy, especially if they're sleeping on a futon in the living room.

Leslie Power installed sliding Japanese-style shoji screens in the guest nook she created on the upper floor of her Takoma Park bungalow to separate it from the nearby family room. "We call it our 'guest room-enough,'" says the 37-year-old computer programmer. "Our guests have a comfortable place to stay and some privacy, but they probably wouldn't stay too long."

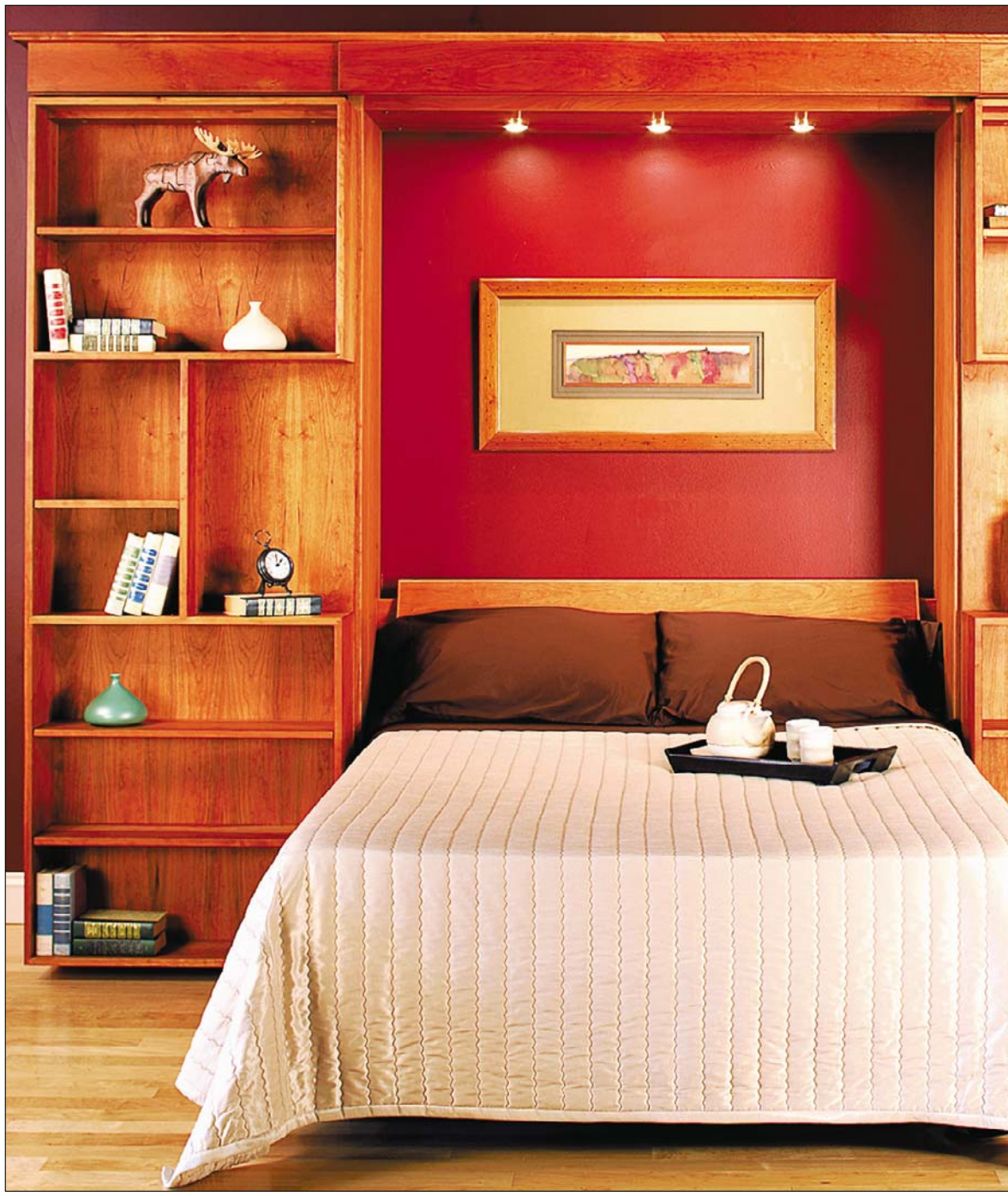
Your overnighters probably won't stay too long either if they're sleeping on an uncomfortable pull-out couch. But advances in sleeper-sofa science, if you will, have made pull-outs and their cousins more comfortable and less unwieldy than grandma's Hide a Bed.

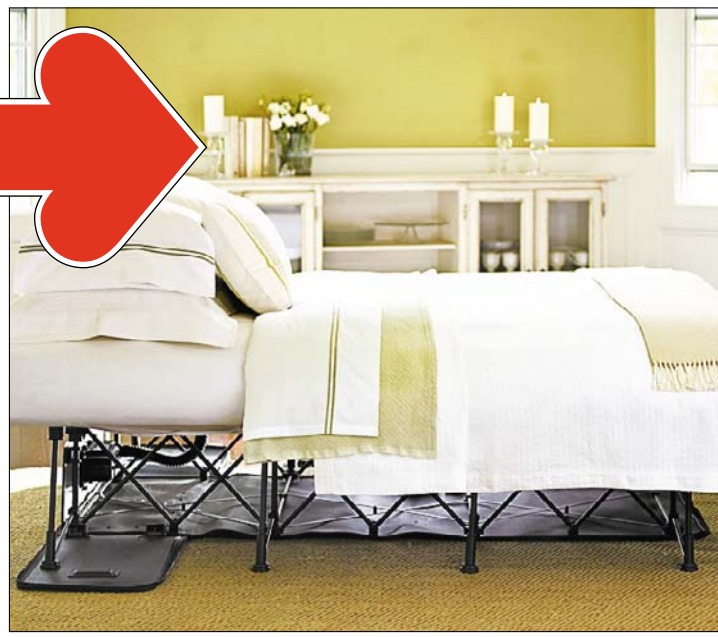
High-end options by Avery Boardman (Averyboardman.com) come with steel frames that prevent sagging. Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams (1526 14th St. NW; 202-332-3433) sells models priced from $750 to $7,340 with 5 1/2-inch-thick mattresses covered with quilted damask — a far cry from the rod-in-the-pack pallets of the past.

Logan Circle's RCKNDY (1515 U St. NW, 202-332-5639) hawks sleeper sofas from AU furniture that boast moderate price tags (a full-size microfiber sofa costs $2,199) and are available in cot through king size. Instead of the metal bars that gave sleepers of yore a bad name, AU sofas come with thick cushions and a solid wood support base under the mattress to make them more comfortable for sitting and snoozing.

"For urban dwellers who live in a one-bedroom condo and have friends who come to visit, it can be their primary sofa and is comfortable to watch TV on, have dinner on or take a nap on," says David Dennis, owner of RCKNDY. "You wouldn't know you're sitting on a sleeper."

Convertible sofas — think more





1. Bed on the Run

Frontgate's EZ Bed ($180-$200, Frontgate.com) squishes into a tiny carrying case (it'd fit in a Mini or an overhead compartment on a plane!) and then blows up into a comfy sleeping spot with steampunkish legs.

2. Fold-Down Comforter

Murphy beds might remind some of seedy hotels where film noir heroes live, but in reality, they are both cushy and practical. Hardwood Artisans' versions (prices vary, Hardwoodartisans.com) can be customized to pop out of bookcases and other furnishings.

3. Mattress Confidential

Sure, Design Within Reach's sleek Twilight Sleep Sofa ($1,650-$1,800; DWR.com) looks like just a couch. But when you pull back the bolster and flip out the seat cushion, it morphs into a snooze lair for two people (who know each other, we presume, but that's your call).

stylish cousins of the futon with a mattress/sofa cushion that folds or pops out — work well for contempo fiends. The Twilight Sleep Sofa (shown, $1,650-$1,800) by Design Within Reach (Dwr.com), can function as a daybed for one or can fold out into a bed for two. "It's a great Danish design that's beautiful, practical and very comfortable," says Lisa Cannon, of D.C. design firm Condo Cool (Condocool.com).

BluDot's One Night Stand sofa ($1,799, Designpublic.com) boasts a boxy, mid-century modern shape and skinny metal legs. To snooze on it, guests simply need to remove the throw pillows and stretch out. (Hopefully, you'll give them some nice sheets and a blanket.)

Even the humble air mattress has come a long way from its days as an object of scorn that basically worked like an inflatable (easily deflatable) pool float poorly covered with a sheet. AeroBed (Thinkaero.com) now offers raised beds ($140-$300) that look (and feel) more like the real thing and even come with a mattress cover and bed skirt. Plus, they're less likely to go "pfft" and flatten out in the middle of the night.

"People like AeroBeds because they take up less room [than a futon or sleeper sofa], have the same comfort level or more, and are a lot cheaper," says Rachael Grad, the new D.C. editor for nesting blog Aparmenttherapy.com.

Catalog retailer Frontgate (Frontgate.com) also provides an air-mattress option with its EZ Bed ($180- $200). Featuring a mattress that can be inflated up to 12 inches thick and a sturdy metal frame, it folds up into a small suitcase-size carrying case that can be easily stored.

Have loads of wall space but very few square feet? Think vertically. That's what Betsy Chanales of Silver Spring did when she ordered a Murphy bed from Hardwood Artisans (Hardwoodartisans.com) for her home office. With a daughter about to get married and a need for more guest room, the 55-year-old enlisted the local firm to create a custom and contemporary furniture suite that's proven popular with her kids and their significant others.

"I've slept on sleeper sofas before, and there is no comparison," says Charles. "To me, it's far superior. When the kids come home, they fight over [who will get to sleep there]."

But going for a slightly retro Murphy — patented by one William L. Murphy in 1916 — can set you back several thousand dollars, especially if you choose to get one with coordinating shelving units.

A more budget-friendly option is the ZzZ-Chest ($1,600-$1,700) from Annapolis-based Arason Enterprises (Fu-chest.com). By day it's a cabinet, which comes in a variety of styles and colors from a boutique-hotel worthy baby with an espresso finish to a country cottage model with a white bead board front. But by night, it folds down and transforms into a double bed that's raised off the floor. The cabinet even has two storage drawers for pillows, Gideon Bibles or whatever else you'd like to bestow on your guests.

"Since I purchased it, I've had several guests come in from out of town, and they didn't even realize that the bed could fold up," says Mary Graham-Fisher, 41, of Upper Marlboro, Md. "Every time someone gets ready to leave and I start folding it up, their jaws drop."

BETH LUBERECKI

TIP 1: "Having space to unpack, even if it's one dresser or a little area to put a bag in some corner," is key to making guests feel welcome, says Rachael Grad, the D.C. editor of hipster nesting blog Apartmenttherapy.com. So, make room on a bookcase, in a closet or in one drawer of that Ikea dresser already.

TIP 2: "Trunks or heavy books stacked next to a pull-out sofa or inflatable bed make great temporary nightstands," says D.C. interior designer Tracy L. Morris. Or, put out one of those garment racks with a closet-like fabric cover — the Container Store sells several — which overnighters can use to hang clothes and store shoes. Bonus: "It can double as a screen or privacy wall," says Morris.

TIP 3: You wouldn't sleep on crummy old sheets, so don't stick "Brady Bunch"-era hand-me-downs on your new sleeper sofa. "To me, the most important items have to do with linen," says Baltimore designer Lorna M. Gross of Savant Interior Designs. "Even if your sofa is not overly comfortable, if the linen is of a high thread count, guests will sleep more comfortably."

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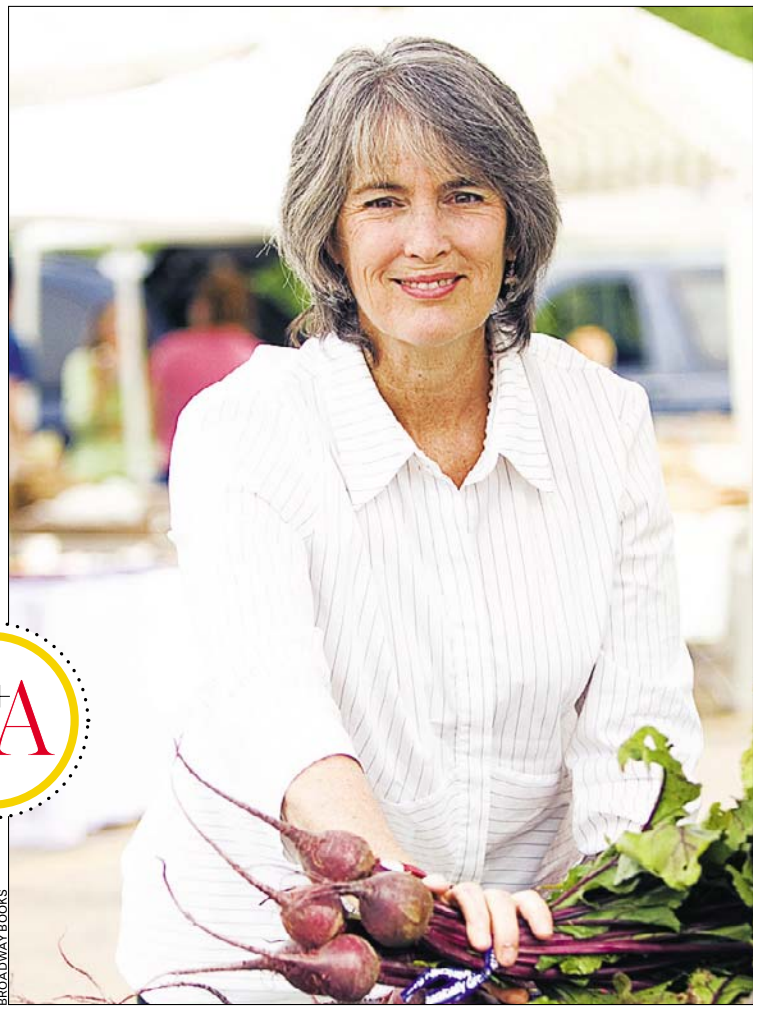
Going Loco for Local

If it were up to Deborah Madison, famed chef and author of books such as "Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone," squash and melon would never travel farther than from the farm to the farmers market before hitting your plate. She spoke with us about frequenting produce stands, throwing a dinner party using locally sourced ingredients and her new-in-paperback book, "Local Flavors: Cooking and Eating From America's Farmers' Markets" ($26, Broadway).

Q+A

ERIN HARTIGAN

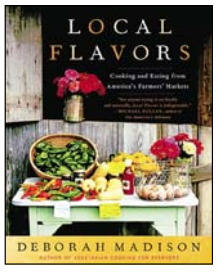


BROADWAY BOOKS

FARM'S WAY: Chef Deborah Madison says to eat beets when they are in season.

When did you first go to markets?
When I was in college in Cambridge in the '60s. It was Haymarket Square, so it wasn't strictly a farmers' market, but we didn't know any better at the time. It was outdoors with merchants who seemed to know what they were selling.

What's their appeal?



Traveling, you get a sense of the possibilities of a region by visiting the farmers' market. I like to find foods that really speak to a place. I live in New Mexico, so our local market has chilies and corn-based foods, like tamales.

Which products are most different at the farmers' market versus, supermarkets?
The difference is greatest in fruit. I watch people look at fruit at the supermarket and nobody smells it — there's nothing to smell. Foods that have just been picked have a vibrancy supermarkets can't offer.

So, you've had some bad run-ins with fruit recently?
We had a hard winter in New Mexico, so I've had to test recipes with fruit from the good old supermarket. I made a peach tart that looked beautiful, but when we sat down to eat, my husband said: "This doesn't taste like anything." Supermarket fruit is like eating shadows instead of the real thing.

Do you find that people who host you at dinner parties feel pressured to localize their produce?
No, I've never noticed that. I'm the one who feels pressured! But, then, it's not usually a problem or an issue. Most of my friends are gardeners or farmers' market fans, so the food is local.

What do you suggest to people who don't have the time or inclination to shop at farmers' markets?
Not everybody can make it to the farmers' market, and not everybody wants to go spend the day there. I'm beginning to see people all over the country putting together what they call CSA [community supported agriculture] boxes from a number of farms or a co-op of farmers. So, a box wouldn't just be a mound of kale from one farm, but eggs, a chicken, cheese, baked goods, perhaps fruit. It offers a wider variety of foods from farmers who sell at the market.

What's your favorite supermarket indulgence? Oreos? Snickers?
I don't have a big taste for that kind of thing, to tell you the truth.

Come on — how about Jif?
OK, you've got me. I love peanut butter. I'll have peanut butter and a little piece of dark chocolate at 10 in the morning any day of the week. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are delicious, but sort of deadly.

How do you entertain at home?
I've never been a really organized entertainer, but I have finally learned that it's wonderful sometimes to have the work done by the time people arrive. Most of the time, friends are here, I'm just messing around in the kitchen. It often unfolds as we chat.

What do you sip this time of year?
I love to make gin and soda drinks using Hendrick's Gin, rose petals and cucumbers. That's always sort of special for starters.

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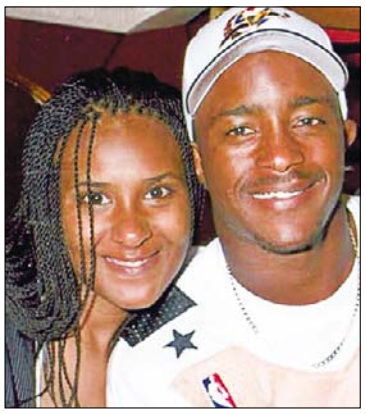
BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Travonia Reed, Darnell Thurston

Travonia, 29, is a control analyst. Darnell, 28, is a maintenance technician. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal wedding in D.C. on Aug. 15. Travonia will walk down the aisle to "You" by Jesse Powell, and the couple will exchange vows under a starlit gazebo. The next day, there will be a cookout reception at Anacostia Park.

■ **Honeymoon:** They're off to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

■ **How They Met:** While attending F.W. Ballou Senior High School in D.C.

■ **First Impressions:** "She was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen." "He was cute, kind and very funny."

■ **First Date:** After picking up some seafood at the Wharf in Alexandria, they went to Fort Dupont Park. They ate, strolled around Hains Point and talked for hours.

■ **How He Proposed:** While at dinner at Georgia Brown's. "After the main course, I got down on one knee," says Darnell. "Travonia cried, and people in the restaurant clapped."

■ **Mmm, Cake:** They'll cut a three-tier butter-rum confection made by Silver Spring's Creative Cakes.

■ **The Dress:** Travonia will wear an Alfred Angelo Sapphire gown.

■ **With an Infinite Budget:** "I would have liked to get married on an island," says Travonia

■ **When He Knew:** "After our first kiss."

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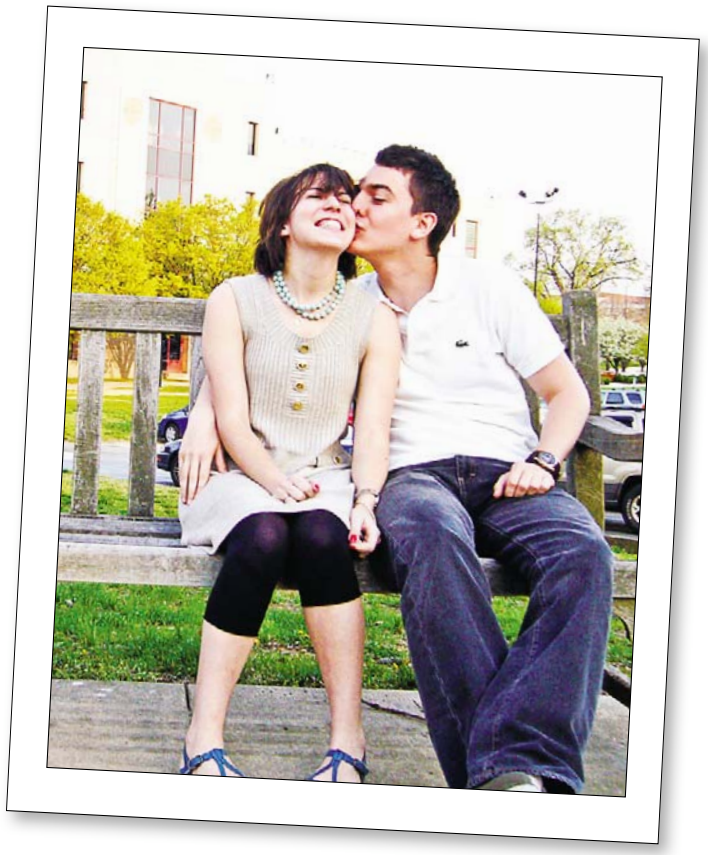

This I Promise You ...

How do you catch a Catholic University cutie's attention? If you're **TODD O'NEIL**, the answer is easy: Pound on her dorm room door. When she opens it, ask her whether she'd like to buy tickets to see her favorite boy band. **NINA CACCIOPPOLI** says that as she stood in line with Todd at the Verizon Center, she guessed "Todd might have been more of a Nina fan than an 'N Sync fan." She was right. Todd's thought on that fateful November 2000 day: "I hope she likes me." It turns out she did, though it was a year and a half before their first date, at Dupont's Fuzio.

Six years later, Todd went to Nina's door with an agenda of a different sort. He left her a note, instructing her to meet him on their alma mater's campus. Forty-five minutes of D.C. rush-hour traffic later, Nina found him on his designated bench, where he popped the question. "I really was shocked and so excited," she says. They'll wed Aug. 16 on Capitol Hill. "This is the first wedding I have ever gone to," says Todd.

Nina, 26, works for the American Association of Museums. Todd, 25, teaches at Watkins Elementary in D.C. They live in D.C.

Anjali Subbarao, Greg Zielinski

Anjali, 26, is a law student. Greg, 26, is an architectural designer. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** An informal Hindu Vedic ceremony and outdoor reception in Leesburg on Aug. 9.

■ **How They Met:** "In Ms. Zamboni's first-period English class in ninth grade at Lakewood High School in Colorado," says Anjali.

■ **First Date:** In June 2000, says Greg, "She kicked my butt at minigolf; then we had some ice cream."

■ **How He Proposed:** At the conclusion of a trip through Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia in August 2007, Greg took Anjali to a cliff overlooking Stockholm at sunset and got down on one knee. "Before I could finish my speech, she blurted out, 'Wait! Are you proposing?' 'Um, I'm trying to!' was all I could muster before I regrouped."

"We knew each other for years before we even considered dating," says Anjali.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "His favorite T-shirt, which has holes in it and doesn't even fit properly."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We had a huge fight about whether or not it was fair for people in India to knock off Ikea designs," says Greg. "It got really intense," says Anjali. "I literally started crying."

■ **Their Song:** "Eight Days a Week" by the Beatles. "She's been obsessed with the Beatles since she was a kid."

Colin Duncan, Essita Holmes

Colin, 33, is an accountant. Essita, 31, is a lawyer. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony followed by a reception in Upper Marlboro, Md., on Saturday. Essita will walk down the aisle to John Stoddart's "Angel."

■ **How They Met:** At church. "I introduced myself to Essita after seeing her in church for two months."

■ **First Impressions:** "She had a certain presence about her. I knew instantly that she would be my wife." "I thought Colin was kind of nerdy and dorky when he first spoke to me. I thought, 'Why is he speaking to me?'"

■ **First Date:** Dinner at TenPenh. "I didn't want to scare her, but I was sold on being with her for the rest of my life." "He was clearly nervous, but the conversation was good. I'm glad I didn't allow my first impression to stop me from going out with him."

■ **How He Proposed:** This past February, recalls Essita, "Colin called and told me he was sending a car for me. I was, like, 'Yeah, right.'" Yet when she left work later that evening, she found a limo with Colin waiting inside. He whisked her away to the Lincoln Memorial, where he popped the question.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Colin and I argued over the wording of our wedding invitations. He felt like I put too many 'loves' in the wording."

■ **Making It Unique:** They'll donate 10 percent of their monetary gifts to D.C.'s Because We Care Health Training Center.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "I'm afraid I'll forget what to say during my reception speech," says Colin. Essita fears her groom "will spill food all over his white tux."

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